

Scargill forces union split as defence row rumbles on

Labour fudge on future of nuclear fuel

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The Labour Party committed itself for the first time yesterday to the phasing out of nuclear power in Britain after a highly-charged debate at the annual conference in Blackpool which saw the union movement again divided by Mr Arthur Scargill.

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was heavily qualified to underline that the withdrawal process would take several Labour governments to implement and not, as Mr Scargill wanted, one five-year period.

Mr Eric Hammond, general secretary of the electricians' union, Mr Bill Jordan, president of the engineering workers, and Mr John Edmonds, general secretary of the general and municipal workers (GMBATU), and other union leaders were angry about the deal and forced the conference managers yesterday morning

to accept an emergency resolution giving delegates the chance to vote on the TUC policy of a pause in nuclear development, passed last month by only 60,000 votes.

Their demand to be heard was initially resisted and it was only by threatening to take their protests to the conference floor, and a reported threat by Mr Hammond to pull out his union delegation, that they managed to get their motion taken.

But it was defeated by 4,130,000 votes to 2,150,000. The NUM motion was carried, along with the reservations insisted on by Mr Kinnoch, by 4,213,000 to 2,143,000, just short of the two-thirds majority which would have made it a candidate for inclusion in the manifesto.

But under the leadership's policy which will now form the basis of its manifesto at the next election:

- Labour will not build any new nuclear stations.
The contract for the Sizewell pressurized water reactor if ordered will be cancelled.
Labour will start phasing out existing stations beginning

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US envoy steps up the attack

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

Mr Charles Price, the United States Ambassador to Britain, yesterday stepped up the American administration's attack on the Labour Party's proposals to scrap Britain's nuclear weapons and close down American nuclear bases here.

In his third interview in 24 hours, Mr Price made clear the American alarm about the consequences to Nato.

He told TV-am: "It is very difficult for us to see and accept the fact that they would opt out and bring about the prospect of great disarray and instability in an alliance which has served us so well for 40 years."

He warned that such a policy was likely to lead to demands for the withdrawal of some of the 300,000 American troops in Europe, earning the immediate counter from Mr Kinnoch: "I do not think there is any substantial basis for making these guesses."

Mr Price's latest comments underlined the Reagan Administration's determination to continue condemning Labour's proposals right up to the next election, risking further charges of bullying.

The Ambassador had already flatly contradicted Mr Kinnoch's claims that earlier condemnation of Labour's policies by Mr Caspar Weinberger, the US Defence Secretary, and his assistant, Mr Richard Perle, had been repudiated by the White House.

Labour leaders have been taken aback by the unprecedentedly high profile American operation and are still seeking the best means of counter-attack. But they believe that it is a high risk strategy which could recoil on the American Government if they are seen by the British people as acting in collusion with the Conservatives here.

Younger wades in for Tories

By Peter Davenport, Defence Correspondent

Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Defence, yesterday attacked Labour Party plans for a defence policy without British or American nuclear weapons.

He said such suggestions took no account of the complexities of contemporary defence issues, adding that Labour intentions to close all US nuclear bases in this country would encourage American disengagement of conventional forces in Europe.

He made his remarks in a speech, titled 'A Sense of Balance', to the Royal United Services Institute for Defence Studies in London, an engagement arranged some time previously but which provided Mr Younger with a timely platform to respond to



Mr Younger: Strong attack on Labour defence policies.

The defence debate that has dominated the party conference season and is set to be at the centre of the election campaign.

Mr Younger said that although he welcomed the debate, the background to it was more sombre and sinister than ever before.

He said it would not be hard to imagine the devastating effect on the Nato alliance and its members.



Across the nuclear divide: Mr Eric Hammond and Mr Arthur Scargill, who faced each other in the main debate at the Labour conference in Blackpool yesterday.

Political storm over Hussey's BBC post

By Gavin Bell, Arts Correspondent

Mrs Thatcher surprised and created controversy in political and broadcasting circles yesterday by appointing Mr Markaduke "Duke" Hussey, a former chief executive of Times Newspapers, as chairman of the BBC board of governors.

Mr Hussey, aged 63, who will succeed Mr Stuart Young, who died in August, is expected to take up his new post in November, subject to formal approval from the Queen.

The choice was apparently seen on both sides of politics as going some way towards meeting increasing conservative demands for tighter control over the BBC.

However Mr Hussey denied that he would be bringing any personal political bias to arguably the most important job in British broadcasting.

The reaction of his future colleagues was uncertain and a BBC source said they were adopting a wait-and-see attitude. However conflicting reactions from Conservative

and Labour politicians indicated a widespread view that Mr Hussey had been brought in to pursue a tough political line.

Mr Gerald Howarth, MP (Conservative, Cannock), welcomed the appointment: "Mr Hussey has had experience at the coalface, and should have the right tough approach. He has to stamp his authority on the BBC from the start. He must set about his task with

perseverance and not be hoodwinked by the left-wing mafia at the BBC."

But Mr Gerald Kaufman, the shadow Home Secretary, said a future Labour Government would seek to remove Mr Hussey. Mr Norman Tebbit, the Conservative Party chairman and a prominent critic of the BBC, said the appointment was understood to be pleased with the choice.

Despite recurrent controversy over alleged left wing

bias within the Corporation, some Conservative MPs believe Mr Hussey's main task will be to tackle what they perceive as wasteful bureaucracy, sloppy editorial control and failure to adapt to rapidly changing broadcasting technology.

Lord Barnett, the recently-appointed vice-chairman, who was known to have been favoured for the post by senior BBC staff, was informed of the decision on Tuesday night.

Opinion within the National Union of Journalists was divided. Mr Bob Norris, the assistant general secretary, said he was glad at least that a person who has had experience had got the job, but Mr Jacob Eccleston, the deputy general secretary, said Mr Hussey's background as the man who closed Times Newspapers for a year "does not give rise to any confidence that he is equipped to defend the public interest against Government interference and the privatisation lobby".

US airline orders 100 Airbus jets

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

In one of the biggest aircraft deals ever struck America's third biggest airline, Northwest, last night ordered 100 Airbus A320 passenger jets.

The order, which is worth 3.2 billion dollars, has catapulted Airbus Industrie, in which British Aerospace has a 20 per cent stake, alongside Boeing in the American giant's own backyard.

Even Airbus Industrie and British Aerospace executives were stunned by the size of the order which will give an enormous boost to the European manufacturer's battle with Boeing.

The aircraft, which will be used on Northwest's network of routes within the United States, are scheduled for delivery between 1990 and 1995 and work on producing the wings will guarantee the jobs of thousands of British Aerospace workers for that period.

Boeing was regarded in the industry as the natural choice for the new fleet because Northwest had built up a huge engineering network designed to cope with the whole range of Boeing jets. But Airbus salesmen never gave up hope, and managed to put together a complicated and attractive financial package

Crews threaten all Sealink services

By Michael Horsnell

A threat to all Sealink ferry services mounted last night as seamen defied the company's decision to axe nearly 500 jobs on its Channel Island sailings.

An escalation of industrial action by the National Union of Seamen, fighting the merger between Sealink and Channel Island Ferries which has led to the redundancies, could hit the company's entire fleet of 33 ships.

This would mean disruption of cross Channel services as well as sailings to the Isle of Wight, the Isle of Man, Ireland and the Hook of Holland.

As holidaymakers in the Channel Islands and France remained stranded yesterday, NUS crews continued to occupy or prevent the movement of the four ferries.

The sit-ins on the four Sealink ships were expected to

continue at least until tomorrow, when a meeting between Mr Tony McGregor, deputy national secretary of the NUS, and Mr Bill Henderson, the company's director of operations is scheduled.

Sealink lost £11 million on its Channel Islands and Cherbourg services last year.

After the dispute over the job cuts, the Earl William ferry remained tied up in Guernsey, the Earl Harold in Portsmouth, the Earl Godwin in Weymouth and the Earl Granville in Cherbourg with an average of 60 crew occupying each vessel.

Airlines put on extra flights to meet the shipping emergency and a private hydrofoil service was started between the Channel Islands and Poole.

Shares stage recovery

For the second day running the London stock market closed on a high note yesterday, recovering some of the ground lost in recent weeks.

The FT 30-share index ended the day at its highest level of the session, up 24.7 at 2,251.7. The broader FT-SE 100 index put on 20.1 to close at 1,575.9. The surge in share prices has added £5.33 billion

to the value of companies during the past 48 hours.

The City, which had been looking for a 2 per cent increase in base rates within a week, now thinks the Chancellor may have ridden the immediate storm and will be able to get away with a rise of just 1 per cent.

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PC Olds, the disabled hero, dies at 34

By Robin Young

PC Philip Olds, who was shot and paralysed while tackling two gunmen two days before Christmas in 1980, collapsed and died yesterday at his home in Pinner, aged 34.

PC Olds, who was awarded the Queen's Gallantry Medal, remained, whether in a wheelchair or struggling to walk again with electronic aids, bracing systems and frames, a very popular hero.

He spoke frankly about his fate. "It was a deliberate shooting. If policemen had been allowed to carry guns there would be two dead men and a policeman who still had a backbone."

Reagan suffers backlash over Daniloff affair

From Michael Binyon, Washington

President Reagan yesterday received Mr Nicholas Daniloff at the White House, as the freed correspondent spoke of his gratitude and insisted his unconditional release without trial had vindicated him.

On the whole, America reacted with approval to the swift series of events and announcement of the preparatory summit meeting in Iceland.

However, some right-wing commentators criticized the exchanges and said the Russians had done better out of them than the US.

"It's a terrible precedent," said Congressman Jack Kemp, a Republican contender for the 1988 presidential election. "I'm afraid the Soviets believe they won this round, and that's the wrong kind of environment going into a critical high-level meeting."

Dr Henry Kissinger, a former Secretary of State, said he was "very uneasy" about the summit and the speed at which it was being set up: "I would not have recommended it."

General Brent Scowcroft, national security adviser to former President Gerald Ford, also said the Administration did not do well and was prepared to pay a lot for the summit.

On Capitol Hill, however, supporters of the Administration moved immediately to

make political capital out of the announcement, which is seen as helping President Reagan in the run-up to the mid-term congressional elections next month, while other congressmen were prepared to reserve judgement.

Mr Reagan admitted that he should not have said that it was the Russians who "blinked". As details of the complex deal emerge, it is clear that the US made significant concessions and was disappointed in many of its aims. It had hoped for the release of other dissidents besides Mr

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Orlov, including Dr David Goldfarb, the ailing Jewish dissident.

President Reagan accepted the idea of an early summit with Mr Gorbachov less than a day after it was proposed to him in the Soviet leader's letter of September 19. He had suggested either Britain or Iceland as the venue.

Mr Reagan delivered a sharp protest to Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, over the Daniloff affair - but sent a secret message the next day saying he would go to Iceland provided the US reporter was freed.

London ruled out as venue

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

President Reagan turned down an offer from Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, to use London as the venue for their pre-summit meeting, apparently to restrict publicity and avoid security problems.

The President's decision to opt for Reykjavik was disclosed here yesterday at a briefing called by the Soviet Foreign Ministry to spell out Moscow's expectations for the meeting and give details of the complex diplomatic package that paved the way for it.

Diplomats said later that one reason for publicizing Mr Reagan's rejection of London may have been to defuse complaints from the world's media over limited access.

Mr Boris Pyadyshyev, the ministry spokesman, said that Mr Zakharov had returned to his home in Moscow and that no decision had been taken on whether to allow him to meet the press.

"The question of Daniloff and Zakharov has been resolved successfully in the interests of both sides," he said.

Gorbachov lambasts old guard

Moscow (Reuters) - Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, saying "The old is not giving up without a fight", yesterday assailed opponents of his programme for economic and moral renewal and sharply criticized dogmatism in Soviet intellectual life.

At the same time the policy-making Communist Party Central Committee, in a resolution published by Pravda, attacked bureaucrats for blocking much-needed reforms.

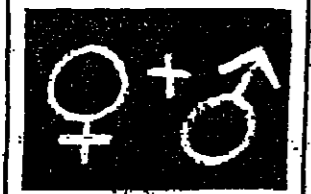
"Bureaucratic perversions in the work of management, and lack of discipline and responsibility, are all acting as a brake on reconstruction," the Central Committee said.

Mr Gorbachov, delivering one of his strongest attacks yet on conservatives within the Soviet system, said the Kremlin leadership's drive for renewal was provoking a rear-guard action by stalwarts not attuned to the need for change.

The Soviet leader was speaking in the Kremlin at a conference of heads of departments of social sciences in Soviet higher education institutes.

Tomorrow

Love to learn



As Parliament prepares to debate sex education in schools, a look at both sides of a growing controversy

Portfolio Gold

The Times Portfolio Gold daily competition prize of £4,000 was won yesterday by Dr G.E. Lovatt of Sundridge, Kent. Details, page 3. Portfolio list, page 23; rules and how to play, information service, page 16. On Saturday the weekly prize will be £24,000, treble the usual amount because no one has won for the last two weeks.

TIMES BUSINESS

Amstrad soars In the four weeks since its launch, Amstrad's IBM-compatible range of business computers, with a basic price of £399, has achieved sales worth more than £100 million. Page 17

TIMES SPORT

Indian warning The deputy leader of the ruling Indian Congress Party warned England's cricketers not to visit South Africa this winter or risk being barred from next year's World Cup in India and Pakistan. Page 38

TIMES JOBS

Young management trainees should appreciate that there is plenty of room at the top, says a former personnel chief in an introduction to today's six-page General Appointments section. Pages 25-30

TIMES DEGREES

A further list of London University degrees is published today. Page 33

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Gas customers offered £250 stake

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

More than 16 million British Gas customers are to be guaranteed the right to buy at least £250-worth of shares in the biggest-ever Stock Exchange flotation.

The minimum investment is being kept low to provide an opportunity for the small investor. And there will be incentives for would-be shareholders.

The invitation to subscribe will be coupled with an offer of discount vouchers on gas bills. Alternatively, shareholders will be able to qualify for a loyalty bonus of one share for every ten held, provided the shares are held for three years. The offer will involve a direct mail chat to more

than 16 million potential applicants in less than two weeks - and it will mop up much of the cash returned to unsuccessful applicants for Trustee Savings Bank shares.

Only when the sale has been completed will the massive administrative costs be known.

Meanwhile, Sir Denis Rooke, chairman of British Gas, and his chief executive, Mr Bob Evans, have to sit on the sidelines, listening to the government advisers praising the company.

Already the City has been subjected to detailed briefings on the prospects for British Gas. Seminars have also been held in most regional centres - including Belfast, where gas is still produced from oil and delivered to the householders

How the British Gas Offer Compares

Table with 3 columns: Share offer, Minimum investment, First instalment. Lists British Telecom (1984), British Aerospace (1985), British (1985), Cable and Wireless (1985), TSB Group, Priority Customer, General Public, and British Gas.

at considerably higher cost than that of North Sea natural gas supplies on the mainland - and the public for the past month have been softened-up by poster and television advertising.

The shares will go on sale in late November - the 21st is the date favoured by the Department of Energy - and the offer will close early in December.

Trading in British Gas shares will begin in mid-December and, if the projections are correct, investors will be able to start taking a profit just in time for Christmas. £5.5 billion sale, page 17

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School sports at risk after safety boycott by a teaching union

By Mark Dowd, Education Reporter

Thousands of children in Birmingham may miss out on sports during the coming weeks because of a dispute between a teaching union and the local education authority.

The local branch of the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Schoolteachers yesterday instructed members to boycott supervision of sports activities in more than 400 primary and secondary schools until the city council phones and adequate first aid facilities at sports fields.

union branch secretary, said that two incidents had made the request a matter of urgency. First an ambulance responding to a call had been unable to enter one playing area because it was discovered that gates had been locked.

Rise of 20% in places for teacher training

By Our Education Reporter

The intake of students for teacher training places at polytechnics and colleges is to increase 20 per cent by 1989, Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education, said yesterday.

Yesterday's announcement is based on provisional decisions made by Mr Baker's predecessor, Sir Keith Joseph. Although numbers of students in secondary education are expected to fall in the short-term, more teachers are seen to be necessary for when school rolls begin to expand again in the 1990s.

It is expected that funding for the expansion will come in part from the extra £54 million promised to polytechnics and colleges by Mr Baker at the end of August.

Fixed penalties

Instant justice hits the road

By Michael McCarthy

He was young. He was driving. And he was, beyond doubt, not wearing a seatbelt. "All you have to do," WPC Ruth Kettleborough explained to him, "is send the bottom half of the notice, with your £12, to the Central Ticket Office at Banbury, and if you do that within 28 days, that's the end of the matter."

The system, which is intended to clear the backlog of traffic cases clogging magistrates' courts, provides fixed fines for more than 200 infringements of the law of the road - £24 for endorsable offences such as speeding and £12 for the less serious ones, such as failing to wear a seatbelt.

with WPC Kettleborough in the Thames valley yesterday, believes the system is simpler and fairer. "Fines can vary enormously between courts, but with the new system you know exactly what you have to pay and it's the same all over the country."

BR 'half electric by 1991'

By Rodney Cowton

Half of Britain's railway network will have been electrified by 1991, Sir Robert Reid, chairman of British Rail said yesterday.

That is the year in which electrification of the east coast route from London, King's Cross to Edinburgh will be completed as part of a £2,000 million investment programme.

Computer pirates caught

People making pirate copies of computer games have been caught during the last week by leading software producers (Keith Hindley writes).

The pirates involved review copies of new games circulated to magazines and dealers. The culprits were traced by game manufacturers, journalists and members of the trade itself. Court cases are expected.

Detective accused of riot lies

A detective denied at the Central Criminal Court yesterday that confessions, said to have been made by a youth accused of involvement in the Tottenham riots in north London, had been fabricated.

Mr Simon MacMinn, aged 19, of Liston Road, Tottenham, denies charges of affray and burglary. The trial continues today.

'Buy TVs and videos'

People are better off buying their televisions and video recorders than renting them, the Consumers' Association said yesterday.

consumers have the new-style square sockets. "If you buy you will have to pay for your own repairs to the phone, but buying beats renting so quickly that you won't be out of pocket even if you threw your phone away and bought another one every couple of years or so."



The Princess of Wales chats to a patient at the National Hospital for Nervous Diseases.

After yesterday's visit the patients and staff said: "She was a real tonic." The Princess, who officially opened a new £350,000 intensive care unit, was making her first visit as patron of the hospital.

Regions are poor relations

By Gavin Bell, Arts Correspondent

More public funds should be allocated to developing the arts in the regions, to correct an overwhelping concentration of resources in London, according to an independent research report.

There is scope for central government to devote a larger part of its existing funding towards new developments in the regions," the report said. The Arts Council has already taken a step in this direction, by launching a programme in 1985 which proposes diverting an additional £5 million to the regions during two years.

vided £16.5 million in grants for building projects during the preceding 20 years. In a comparison of public expenditure on the arts per head of population, Britain came bottom of a list of six European countries. The UK figure in 1981-82 was £5.80, compared with £24.82 in Sweden, £22.55 in France and £18.61 in Austria.

Portfolio Gold Physician was only winner

A physician is the sole winner of yesterday's Portfolio Gold prize of £4,000. Dr George Lovatt, aged 64, of Sandridge in Kent, has played the Portfolio Gold game since it started in The Times.

PC is cleared of assault. A policeman accused of hitting an arrested man several times with his truncheon was yesterday cleared of an assault charge after a judge at Plymouth Crown Court ruled that there was inadequate evidence to convict.

Rescue award. Mr Andrew Smith, a non-swimmer, aged 39, of Bloomfield Rise, Odd Down, Bath, is to receive a bravery award from the Royal Humane Society for jumping into an icy pond and saving a baby strapped in a pushchair that had rolled into the water.

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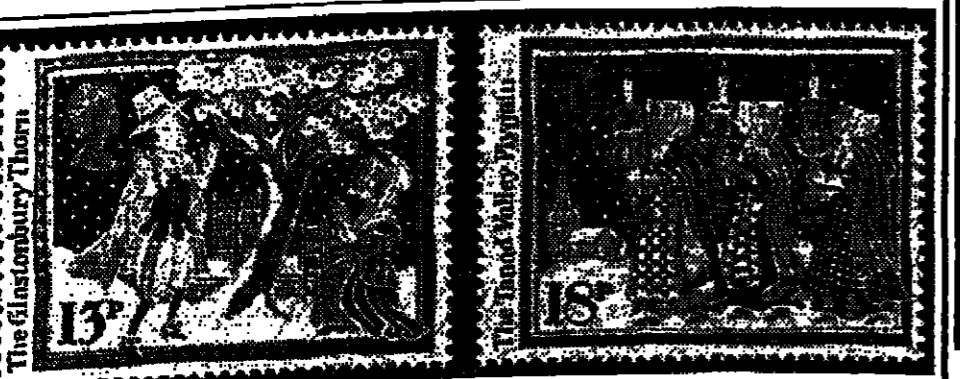
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LABOUR PARTY CONFERENCE

Energy debate • Aid for poor nations

Defeat for Scargill move on nuclear fuel

The attempt by Mr Arthur Scargill, president of the National Union of Mineworkers, to commit the Labour Party in its election manifesto to phasing out all existing nuclear power plants just failed in a series of card votes yesterday at the end of the debate on nuclear power.

Nuclear missiles come from a poison well called reprocessing

and will help to quell the fears of those union leaders who, in yesterday's impassioned debate, voiced considerable concern for the future of workers in the industry and the need to ensure alternative jobs.

4,121,000 votes to 2,103,000—a majority of 2,018,000. Both spokesmen for the NEC and the shadow Cabinet made clear in the debate that a Labour Government would not order any new nuclear power stations.

The country had been held to ransom in the 1970s by dependence on coal

Mr John Aberdein, parliamentary candidate for Orkney and Shetland, seconding the resolution, said "We are a party of nuclear disarmament. Nuclear missiles come from a poison well called reprocessing. We must not leave that poison well for future governments to dip into."



Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, congratulating Herr Willy Brandt, the former West German Chancellor, after he had addressed the conference in Blackpool yesterday

sources of energy, including nuclear power. The resolution rejected the Government's reliance on market forces and instructed the NEC to institute an independent technical review on the role of nuclear energy and report back to the 1987 conference.

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Mr Stan Orme, MP, and shadow energy secretary, said he supported the NEC statement which laid the basis for a fundamental change in nuclear policy and matched their need for electricity generation with their concern for the environment.

Mr Eric Hammond, general secretary of the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication, and Plumbing Union and chairman of the TUC energy committee, in moving the emergency resolution calling on the party to link up with the TUC review of nuclear energy.

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BRANDT SPEECH

Britain's role in European security

No system of common security was possible in Europe without a British Government playing a constructive role.

He had opened his speech to conference by disclaiming any intention of interfering in British politics, but adding that if there was a "bright new face" at 10 Downing Street, it would make a difference not only to people in Britain but among those in Europe used to looking to the United Kingdom for a measured degree of leadership.

Europe needed a vigorous and successful British Labour policy because they wanted to bring about a new phase of détente, an *depolitik* on a higher level.

It was his conviction that there would be no secure peace without a system of common security and there would be no such system without a British government having a constructive role.

He welcomed the announcement of a summit conference but added that in Europe they would have to look after their own citizens' interests, and pursue peace-preserving endeavours of their own.

The Vienna talks on mutual balanced force reductions must be brought to a positive result; life must be put into the project of a nuclear-free zone in Europe (applause) and they must get rid of chemical weapons on both sides in a divided Europe.

MOTOR INDUSTRY

Sanctions warning to GM

A Labour government might use its purchasing and procurement policies as a sanction against General Motors if the company continued retrenchment in Britain, Mr John Smith, the party's trade and industry spokesman said in Blackpool yesterday.

He was giving Labour's endorsement to a trade union campaign to avert 1,700 redundancies at the GM trucks division at Bedford, and a rundown at the Rover Group in Cowley.

Mr Smith said that the crisis in the British motor industry represented another industrial retreat, and would mean more lost employment and a new front for imports.

He feared that Rover Group under Mr Graham Day was embarking on a strategy of much lower volume-build to seek a niche in the market well below present levels.

Labour criticized General Motors for exporting profits to overseas plants which produce parts for vehicles assembled in Britain.

COMMENTARY



Geoffrey Smith

The debate on nuclear energy yesterday was the best there has yet been at this conference. It was a clash of interest and of passion on an issue of the first importance.

On one side there was the belief that after Chernobyl nuclear power simply represents too great a danger no matter what economic justification there may be for it.

Some speakers made the link between nuclear power and nuclear weapons, but this was not a defence debate by another name. The objections to nuclear energy were more broadly based than that.

On the other side it was argued that the dangers present by nuclear power in Britain were as yet uncertain while the economic price for getting rid of the nuclear industry was undeniable.

Jobs would be lost in the industry itself and the consequent increase in energy costs would have its effects throughout the whole economy which would hardly be the best way to cut unemployment.

A re-run of the TUC debate

Therefore, it was maintained, there should be a thorough investigation. In many respects this was a re-run of the debate at the TUC a few weeks ago, with the miners — seeking a larger role for coal in meeting Britain's energy needs — ranged against other unions with members working in the nuclear industry. The TUC then voted by very narrow majority in favour of waiting for the outcome of a review.

That decision was a consolidation yesterday. But it had been taken by such a small margin at Brighton that the Labour conference was not deterred from rejecting a resolution asking the party to take exactly the same route as the unions.

The decisions that were taken yesterday should give the party leadership a fair amount of discretion in determining the policy on which Labour will fight the election. The principle of phasing out nuclear power in Britain was accepted. But the national executive committee statement, the only proposition receiving the two thirds majority required to become eligible for inclusion in the election manifesto, was couched in distinctly gradualist terms.

It spoke of phasing out over decades. So while the direction of Labour policy has now been decided, it seems unlikely that there will be any commitment to swift and significant action.

There are two political reasons why it would be unwise for Labour to go any faster. The opposition to phasing out nuclear power at all contains some of the most powerful trade unions who feel passionately on the issue. They believe that the livelihood of their members is liable to be put at risk on account of fears that have yet to be tested by rational assessment.

Perhaps they can be reassured if the threat of action looks sufficiently indefinite. But Mr Kinnock would not wish to encounter a stubborn and public rear-guard action from them in the run-up to the election.

There is also the attitude of the electorate to be taken into account. Polling evidence suggests on the whole a preference for keeping the nuclear power stations that we have already, but not building any more. Labour policy has already been taken beyond that cautious position.

Coming to terms with Chernobyl

Whether that will matter electorally is particularly hard to assess at the moment because I do not believe that the British public has yet reached a settled conclusion after the shock of Chernobyl.

My own guess is that nuclear power may be an issue of over-riding importance in a few constituencies at the next election — those that would be affected by the closure of power stations or the siting of nuclear waste dumps.

Today's agenda

There is a huge list of business which it is hoped to take today. Debates will cover social ownership, health care, social security and taxation, welfare policies, low pay, the media, defence, Northern Ireland, local government and sexual abuse of children.

Black MPs 'will work as caucus'

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

Black MPs returned to parliament at the next election will form what amounts to their own black section within the Parliamentary Labour Party.

The Labour conference in Blackpool yesterday rejected for the third year running the establishment of black sections within the party, but Miss Diane Abbott, parliamentary candidate for the safe Labour seat of Hackney North, told a black sections fringe meeting that black MPs would "work together as a caucus".

She claimed that this was essential to overcome the obvious "limitations" of being a black MP.

Other black candidates likely to be elected are Mr Bernie Grant, the leader of Haringey council, in the safe Tottenham seat, and Mr Paul Boatman, former chairman of the GLC police committee, in Brent South.

THIRD WORLD

Huge increase in aid to poorest pledged

A pledge to commit the next Labour government to a massive increase in aid to developing Third World countries, a relaxation of their international debts and a readiness to dip into contingency reserves in the event of major disasters, won unanimous approval yesterday.

A show of hands accepted the establishment of a Ministry of Overseas Development with a Cabinet seat; a minimum of 0.7 per cent of gross national product earmarked as unconditional aid for Third World development; transference to the trade budget of all responsibility for promoting trade with the Third World.

It also included participation in a big initiative to write off Third-World debts and joint international action to control the activities of multinational companies operating in the Third World, particularly in relation to employment, and marketing

Sad defeat for a man of principle

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Even in the moment of his defeat on Tuesday Mr Eric Heffer was claiming that his principles had cost him dear.

Just as principle had caused him to walk off the platform during Mr Neil Kinnock's anti-Militant tour de force at Bournemouth last year, and out of the last Labour government over the referendum on Britain's EEC membership in 1975, so his refusal to bow down before what he saw as a rightward drift in the party made him pay the ultimate price.

Afterwards he sadly mused: "I think there is a drift to the right within the party. I have been honest and open enough to say so."

The trouble for Mr Heffer, a former party chairman, carpenter and joiner by trade, was that his criticism of Mr Kinnock had become a little too much even for his former allies to take.



Mr Eric Heffer

SOUTH AFRICA

Call to send arms defeated

The conference overwhelmingly endorsed a call for the introduction of effective and mandatory sanctions against South Africa but rejected on a show of hands a resolution demanding that a Labour Government should provide arms and other material support to the revolutionary movement in South Africa.

Mr Syd Tierney of the Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers, replying to the debate for the national executive committee, said this suggestion over-exaggerated not only the position of the African National Congress, but Labour's position as well. He described the resolution as arrogant.

Moving the first motion calling for sanctions and action through the United Nations, the Commonweath and the European Community, Mr John Jones, Technical, Administrative and Supervisory Section of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, said his motion spelled out the party's total commitment to ending apartheid. South Africa's illegal occupation of Namibia, mandatory and comprehensive sanctions, aiding the front-line states, release of political prisoners and to the ANC.

He said they could impose personal boycotts on South African goods. Local authorities could impose boycotts and they should support the anti-apartheid movement.

Wall Street and the City of London were now running scared and investment in South Africa was falling.

IRA condemned as 'murderers of Irish'

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

Mr Stuart Bell, a Labour spokesman on Northern Ireland, shared a platform with a convicted IRA bomber in Blackpool last night and declared: "The perpetrators of violence are not democrats let alone socialists. They are murderers of Irishmen."

Mr Tommy Carroll is now an elected councillor representing Sinn Fein, the political wing of the IRA, but Mr Bell made clear his repugnance for that organization.

"We roundly and totally condemn any politician or political party that supports violence as a means to an end," he said.

There was no such thing as a legitimate target. Their end was that of "creating widows and orphans, of destroying family life, of adding hatred and misery, piling one injustice upon another until Northern Ireland is lost in a mountain of dissatisfaction, disillusion and disaffection."

Mr Bell had been widely criticized for agreeing to appear with Mr Carroll, but he used the occasion to make clear the Labour leadership's moderate stance on Northern Ireland. He hammered home his support for the Anglo-Irish agreement as a peaceful means of achieving a united Ireland

Doctors get £1m grant to study heredity in cases of heart disease

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Doctors were yesterday divided over the effect of salt on high blood pressure, and the British Heart Foundation announced it is to spend £1 million funding four studies looking into the part played by heredity in heart disease.

The latest news about salt comes from the Royal Society of Medicine, in a publication by a panel of six heart disease specialists.

They disclosed that after weighing the evidence of more than 250 studies during the past 10 years, they were still divided on their opinions.

During a year people consume up to 10 times more salt than necessary to meet the needs of the body.

The panel of doctors was considering whether for public health reasons there was a need to impose a restriction on the amount of salt in people's diet.

They agreed on the benefits of a reduction for people suffering high blood pressure, in addition to their medication, but opinions were divided on all other aspects of the study.

They tried to decide if the large majority of patients who experience mild blood pressure could benefit from a reduction of salt as an alternative to drugs, but they failed to find an answer.

In fact, as the number of studies increased the results seemed ever more contradictory.

However, the doctors generally agreed that while salt perhaps exerted a small influence on blood pressure, the effect was tiny compared with that of overweight or excess alcohol.

Grant support of £1 million for four study groups was announced yesterday by the British Heart Foundation. One recipient is Dr David Galton, of St Bartholomew's Hospital, London, for an inquiry into the genetic basis of coronary heart disease, which is known to run in families and can affect young adults.

Dr Galton is looking at young survivors of heart attacks, and is concentrating on the pattern of inheritance of substances in the blood called apolipoproteins, which transport the fatty and waxy substances involved in the narrowing of the heart's blood vessels.

If the genes responsible for the abnormality in the body's chemical handling of these lipids are identified, then it should provide the basis for better advice and treatment of families with a history of the disease.

A related research project by Professor Augusto Serafini-Fracassini, of St Andrews University, is looking for the genetic explanation of the formation of elastic tissues in the body's main artery, the aorta.

Again, better preventive measures and treatments of important disorders of blood vessels because of abnormalities of their elastic structures could come from understanding how genetic control influences abnormalities.

Narrowing of blood vessels in the leg and neck, as well as in the heart, in patients with atherosclerosis, is a special project of Dr Stephen Humphries and Professor Roger Greenhalgh, of Charing Cross Sunley Research Centre, in London.

Like Dr Galton, they are examining the pattern of inheritance of apolipoproteins, to try to identify individuals and families at high risk.

The fourth study allied to genetic predisposition to heart disease, by Dr David Wood, at the Royal South Hants and Southampton General Hospital, follows a different approach to identifying people at risk.

He is tracing the relatives of all men in the Southampton Health Authority under the age of 55 who die suddenly from heart disease, relatives of all such men under 55 admitted to hospital with heart attacks and relatives of a sample of men under 55 attending their family doctors with chest pain due to heart disease.

The results will be compared with similar examinations of patients with no family history of heart disease, to show whether tracing relatives is an effective way of identifying symptom-free people at risk.

Michael Newbey, who hopes to interview President Reagan later this month (Photograph: Alan Weller).



Boy of 12 is hoping to interview Reagan

A schoolboy hopes to interview President Ronald Reagan and British political leaders next month.

Michael Newbey, aged 12, from Woking in Surrey, has also requested an interview with the Soviet leader, Mr Mikhail Gorbachev. But he is still awaiting a reply.

He became a radio presenter last month when he was selected as the "Radio Kid" by County Sound Radio in Guildford, Surrey.

Michael said he regarded the opportunity to interview world leaders in a special telephone link-up with the radio station as "a challenge".

He said that he would like to interview "controversial" people: "I want to get down to the heart of things and find out what they really think."

He is now being trained to interview and present on the air. A County Sound spokesman said that the White House had agreed in principle to Michael's request.

Mr David Steel, leader of the Liberal Party, has already accepted Michael's invitation, and Mrs Thatcher hopes to fit in an interview.

Strict security in force for Robinson hearing

A big security operation will be mounted by the Irish police and army for the court appearance today of Mr Peter Robinson, MP for Belfast East, on charges arising from August's "loyalist" cross-border incursion.

The Irish police are determined to prevent a repeat of the sectarian violence which erupted when Mr Robinson, deputy leader of the Democratic Unionist Party (DUP), was remanded on £10,000 bail in Dundalk, Co Louth, on charges of assaulting police,

malicious damage and unlawful assembly. Several hundred police will ring the district court in Ballybay, Co Monaghan, for today's hearing, while soldiers patrol border crossings.

A short, formal remand is expected. The Irish government is likely to apply later this month to have the case switched to the Special Criminal Court, Dublin.

Mr Robinson is due to be accompanied by the Rev Ian Paisley, the DUP leader, and the Rev Robert McCrea, MP for Mid Ulster.

Airlines could lose £694m as fewer fly

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

The world's airlines could lose up to one billion dollars (£694 million) this year because of a big drop in the number of passengers, the airlines "club" laments.

Statistics compiled using figures from all 144 members show that in the year ending July the airlines carried 1.5 million fewer people than the previous year. However, the number of seats for sale went up by 4.5 per cent.

Dr Gunter Eser, lara's director general, has now warned airlines: "Lara members could incur a net loss of up to one billion dollars on international services this year."

Part of the blame, according to Dr Eser, lies with governments and the oil industry in preventing the full benefits of the fall in fuel prices from being passed on to the airlines. He also claims that airlines have been slow to react to the decline in the number of passengers. A year ago they predicted there would be a rise of about 5 per cent in the number of people travelling by air, but fears of terrorism and an economic decline in parts of the world meant there was a drop. Yet the airlines put on extra seats which they could not fill.

However, the overall figures hide large fluctuations in airline finances.

The financial difficulties are bound to lead to further reductions in staff, takeovers, mergers, bankruptcies and fewer new aircraft.

Six named for Irish aid board

By David Sapstead

The British and Irish governments yesterday agreed on the membership of the board to administer the multi-million pound international aid fund for Ireland.

Six prominent figures, three from Northern Ireland and three from the republic, will serve on the board, set up after the US Congress allocated \$120 million to redevelopment. Canada has promised \$10 million and Australia and the EEC are also expected to contribute.

Sir Charles Brett, a solicitor and former chairman of the Northern Ireland Housing Executive, will chair a team consisting of Sir Ewart Bell, former head of the Northern Ireland Civil Service; Sir Gordon Booth, a former diplomat and director of Hanson Trust; Mr Michael Canavan, a Northern Ireland businessman; Mr Gerald Dempsey, chairman of Aer Lingus; Mr Neil McCann, chairman of Ireland's largest fruit and vegetable importing company, and Mr Alastair McGuckian, chairman of Masstock (Ireland) Ltd.

Wedding pictures dispute

The Daily Mail went to the High Court yesterday to stop a rival newspaper from using exclusive wedding photographs of Mrs Deborah Bell, the expectant mother being kept on a life support machine.

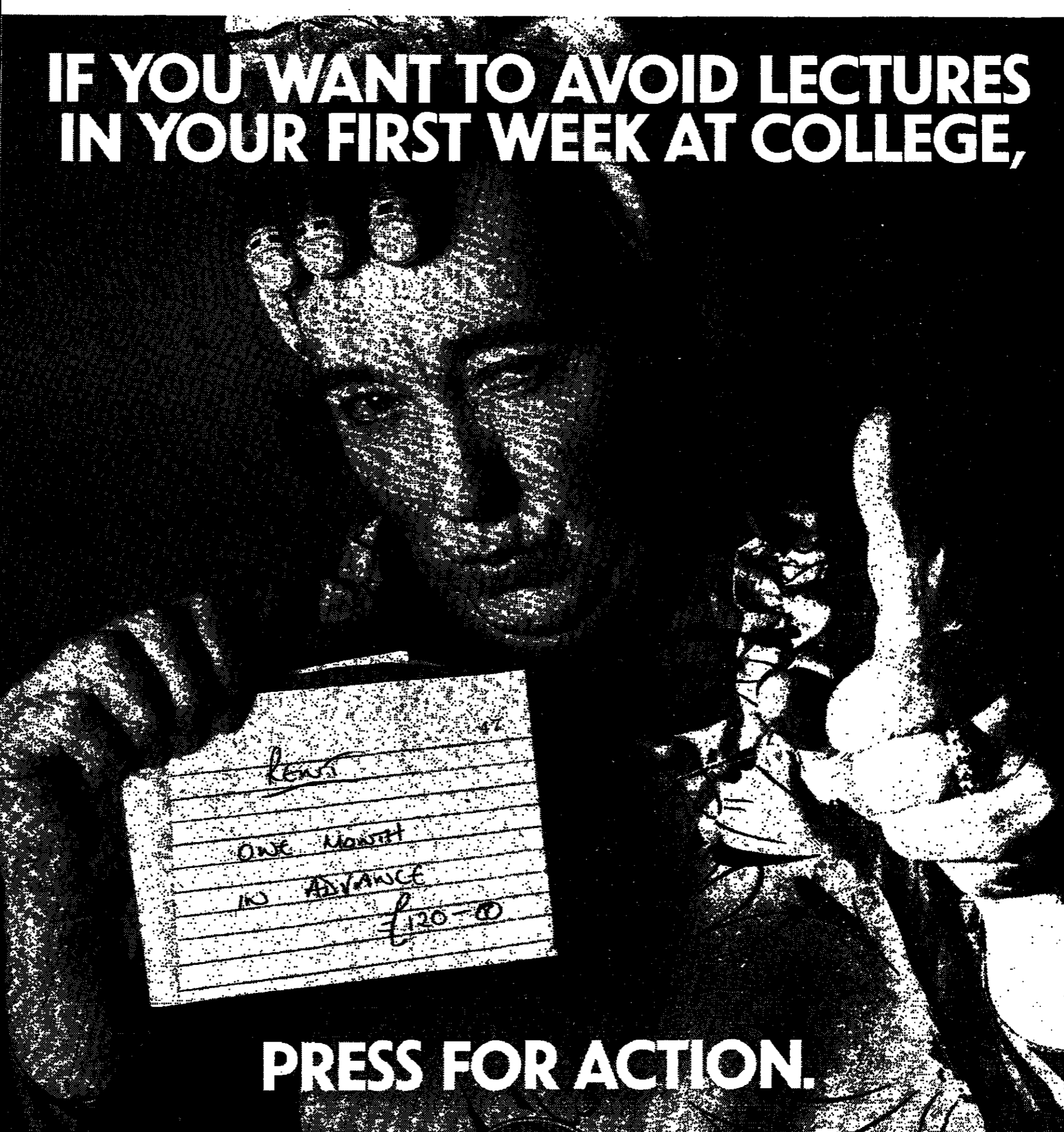
Mr Justice Harman continued a temporary injunction granted last Monday against Express Newspapers, barring them from using the photographs until a full hearing of a copyright action next Wednesday.

Mrs Bell, aged 24, a secretary, is in Middlesbrough General Hospital where she was taken last month with a suspected brain haemorrhage.

Mr Alastair Wilson, for Mail Newspapers, told the judge they had paid Mr Bell a substantial sum for the copyright to photographs of their wedding day.

Express Newspapers are defending the claim for infringement of copyright and opposed the continuation of the injunction. They claim the pictures were published by them last Friday, before the Daily Mail did a deal with Mr Bell.

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'You will have to get rid of me first'

Botha pledges to keep separate schools and homes for his lifetime

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

President Botha of South Africa said yesterday that compulsory racial segregation of residential areas and state schools would not be abolished in his lifetime.

"You will have to get rid of me before you get rid of this principle," he told delegates at the Cape provincial congress of the ruling National Party in East London.

Mr Botha, aged 70, was addressing the congress, which began on Monday evening and ended yesterday, on a series of highly conservative motions calling for retention of the Group Areas Act.

This is the basic legislation which enforces racial separation of residential areas, and such facilities as schools and hospitals. The Government does not regard the Act as discriminatory, arguing that it guarantees "self-determination" for each racial group.

Mr Botha described the Act as a cornerstone of the Government's "minority population policy" — a reference to the official view that South

Africa's inhabitants are made up of different minorities, among which the whites come second in number to Zulus.

Although Bantu-speaking blacks constitute 70 per cent of the population, there is no such thing as a black majority, according to Pretoria. To sustain this argument, blacks are sub-divided on tribal lines, while whites are mostly treated as a single group.

Under existing legislation, it was possible in special cases for individuals of one race group to be permitted to live in areas set aside for members of another. Mr Botha said, but he was against allowing the development of mixed areas.

He argued that if people were free to live wherever they could afford a house, low-income white and mixed-race Coloured areas would become slums.

"I am pleading for the poor when I plead for the retention of community life," he declared.

What Mr Botha appeared to be saying was that poorer

white and Coloured areas could be swamped by blacks if the Group Areas Act were abolished, whereas wealthy white areas would be beyond the financial means of all but a few black businessmen.

A report on the future of the Group Areas Act is expected soon from the President's Council, an advisory group, which is thought to favour the development of racial "grey areas".

In contrast to his remarks on residential areas, Mr Botha said he had never regarded the Separate Amenities Act, which segregates many public facilities from lavatories to buses, as practical legislation.

The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis Le Grange, surprised delegates by saying that black and Coloured townships were so decrepit and squalid that it was "no wonder they want to throw stones whenever they see a policeman".

Security measures had to be accompanied by "social upliftment", he said.



Colonel Amira Dotan, aged 39, commander of the Israeli Army's Women's Corps, who will be promoted to brigadier-general to coincide with the Jewish New Year tomorrow. Colonel Dotan will be the first Israeli woman to become a general (Reuter reports from Tel Aviv).

Colonel Dotan's promotion is expected to set a precedent for the advancement of other women who, so far, have been unable to get beyond the rank of colonel. "It's an historical event," the Army spokeswoman said.

\$1.4bn war on drugs approved by Senate

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The Senate has overwhelmingly approved a \$1.4 billion (2950 million) anti-drug Bill, a bipartisan measure that reflects the growing political importance of the drugs issue.

The Bill sharply increases penalties for drug dealing and clears the way for military involvement in intercepting drug runners.

But even with the universal approval for a tougher stand on drugs, the Senate could not agree on how to pay for the Bill's provisions. The House of Representatives has passed a \$3 million anti-drug Bill, and the two measures must now be reconciled.

There is little profound difference between them, other than the cost, but Congress cannot agree on where the money should come from. The Senate Bill was approved by 97 to two, but only after adopting a non-binding resolution not to cut other programmes to pay for the war on drugs.

There is clearly little or no sentiment on Capitol Hill for raising taxes to pay for it. Indeed, some senators are threatening to block the Bill if it means further cuts in social programmes.

Both Senate and House versions provide for education, treatment and local law enforcement, and measures to fight "designer drugs" and the laundering of drug money.

Evidence in 'dingo' inquiry running in mother's favour

From Stephen Taylor, Sydney

It has taken a long time, but Australia seems to be coming round to the view that the disappearance of baby Azaria Chamberlain may, after all, have been caused by a dingo, or wild dog, rather than her mother.

The reopened inquiry into this country's most celebrated criminal case has heard evidence in the past two days which contradicts crucial forensic science data responsible for convicting Mrs Lindy Chamberlain of her baby's murder, for which she was sentenced to life imprisonment.

The weight of evidence produced so far at the inquiry has been running so strongly in Mrs Chamberlain's favour that an observer coming fresh to the case might be forgiven for wondering how she could ever have been found guilty.

A majority are coming to suspect that a minority have long claimed: that she was the victim of a terrible miscarriage of justice.

In the latest evidence, given over the past two days, a forensic scientist testified that a substance found in the Chamberlains' car was not a spray of baby's blood from a punctured artery, but a bitumen-based substance applied to the car during manufacture.

The significance of this is that while the Crown never produced a body, a weapon or a motive its central hypothesis at the trial was that Mrs Chamberlain slashed Azaria's throat in the front seat of the car and that a spray pattern found under the dashboard was produced by blood.

Mr Anthony Raymond, the latest of a line of forensic scientists involved in the case, said he had found no evidence of blood in the car. His tests had been applied to samples identified as foetal blood at the trial by Mrs Joy Kuhl, another

forensic scientist, whose evidence is regarded as having been crucial to Mrs Chamberlain's conviction.

This new testimony will only add to the endless controversy surrounding the disappearance of Azaria from the Chamberlain family tent on the night of August 17, 1980.

Mrs Chamberlain has always insisted on her innocence, maintaining that she saw a dingo emerge from the tent carrying Azaria in its jaws. The baby has not been seen since.

While a small, vociferous group of supporters has campaigned on Mrs Chamberlain's behalf ever since, it was not until she had been in prison for three years that they had cause to feel encouraged.

Earlier this year the discovery in the bush of a baby's jacket, identified as the one worn by Azaria when she disappeared, led to Mrs Chamberlain's release pending a Royal Commission headed by a judge.

Testimony so far has supported the contention that a dingo was capable of carrying away the baby, and that instances of dingo attacks on children have been recorded. Aboriginal trackers, who were not called at the trial, have said they found dingo tracks in the vicinity of the tent.

Another witness who was not called at the trial said that within half an hour after Azaria was said to have been killed Mrs Chamberlain conducted him to the car and opened the front door.

The point made by her counsel is that she was not likely to have taken anyone to the scene so soon after her alleged crime and that the witness saw no sign of blood on the seat.

The inquiry is expected to continue until December.

Civil rights hit by appeal judgment

From Our Own Correspondent, Johannesburg

Civil rights in South Africa, and the role of the courts in defending them, have suffered a severe setback as a result of a ruling on Tuesday by the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, which upheld the validity of two emergency regulations providing for summary arrest and detention.

The ruling, against which there is no further judicial appeal, overturned a judgment by the Durban and Coast local division of the Supreme Court on August 11, which found that the regulations conferred powers on the police so sweeping that Parliament could not have intended them.

Scores of emergency detainees were set free, and applications for the release of thousands of others were being prepared when, in a separate case on August 14, the Natal provincial division of the Supreme Court in Pietermaritzburg handed down a diametrically opposed judgment.

The Appellate Division, the highest judicial body in the land, has now ruled in favour of the Pietermaritzburg interpretation of the law, and is so doing appears to have put the emergency arrest and detention provisions beyond any challenge in the courts.

This means that the thousands of detainees who had hoped for release will remain in jail. The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis Le Grange, who welcomed the Appellate Division's verdict as a boost for public confidence in the law, has not yet said whether already freed detainees will be re-arrested.

One of the regulations upheld by the Appellate Division permits any member of the police or Army to arrest without warrant, and detain without trial for up to 14 days, any person who "in the opinion of such member" is a threat to public order or safety "or that person himself".

The other permits the Minister of Law and Order, "without notice to any person, by written notice signed by him and addressed to the head of

the prison", to order any person detained under the first regulation to be held beyond 14 days for as long as the emergency lasts.

A senior lawyer involved in the Durban case said yesterday: "This is a serious setback. It shows that in the end, without a proper Bill of Rights, protected by the courts, the executive has enormous, and almost unlimited, powers to make inroads into the liberty of the individual."

The headline "Blame the laws, not the courts" appeared yesterday over editorial comment in *The Star* of Johannesburg, which declared: "Legal loopholes which the courts may find in the emergency regulations represent, at best, minor ameliorations of a harsh system."

In South Africa, laws passed by Parliament cannot be tested in the courts, whose role is limited to interpreting the intention of Parliament where there is possible ambiguity.

Recently, the courts have been much more active in exploiting this limited room for manoeuvre.

The same situation applies in Britain, with the crucial difference that the racially-structured South African Parliament is controlled effectively by the white House of Assembly, which represents only 15 per cent of the population but can impose its will without limit on the other 85 per cent.

The power to declare a state of emergency is conferred on President Botha by the Public Safety Act of 1953, which permits him to take such measures as he considers expedient and necessary to maintain order and safety.

Lawyers have tried to show that the Public Safety Act does not give Mr Botha unlimited powers. The Appellate Division, in effect, has declared that in the matter of arrest and detention, the President's powers are indeed without limit for practical purposes and that this was the intention of Parliament.

Mourners' strikes halt mines

Johannesburg (Reuter)

Almost half of South Africa's black miners stopped work yesterday in a massive show of solidarity to mourn 177 men killed in the country's worst gold mine disaster last month, an independent monitoring group said.

A spokesman for the Labour Monitoring Group reported that about 300,000 of the 650,000 miners went on strike with 100 per cent absenteeism at some mines.

Mr Marcel Golding, publicity secretary for the black National Union of Mine-workers (NUM), hailed it as an unparalleled show of strength by black union members.

He said that no black employees reported for work at gold and coal mines in the Evander area, 65 miles east of Johannesburg, where the men died from poisonous fumes at the Kinross gold mine.

The miners, all but five of them black, died when a fire caused toxic fumes to flood through tunnels deep underground. The NUM blamed slack safety measures for the deaths and called in overseas mining experts to make a separate inquiry.

But Mr Golding said the Kinross mine's owners, General Mining Union Corporation Ltd (Gencor), had not allowed them down the mine until last Monday.

"That was 13 days after we requested permission and is obviously not satisfactory," he said. The experts had not completed their reports.

A Gencor spokesman said that about 70 per cent of its 97,000 gold mines workforce and about half of its 14,000 coal miners failed to report for work. The Anglo American Corporation said that 150,000 of its 180,000 workers were absent.

Gun battle deaths: Police reported yesterday that they had killed two suspected terrorists of the outlawed African National Congress (ANC) in a gun battle in northern Natal province on Tuesday (AFP reports).

Virgin Islands leader re-elected

Road Town, British Virgin Islands (Reuter) — The former Chief Minister, Mr Cyril Romney, was re-elected to the legislative council of this British colony in general elections on Monday.

The elections followed the dissolution of the council in

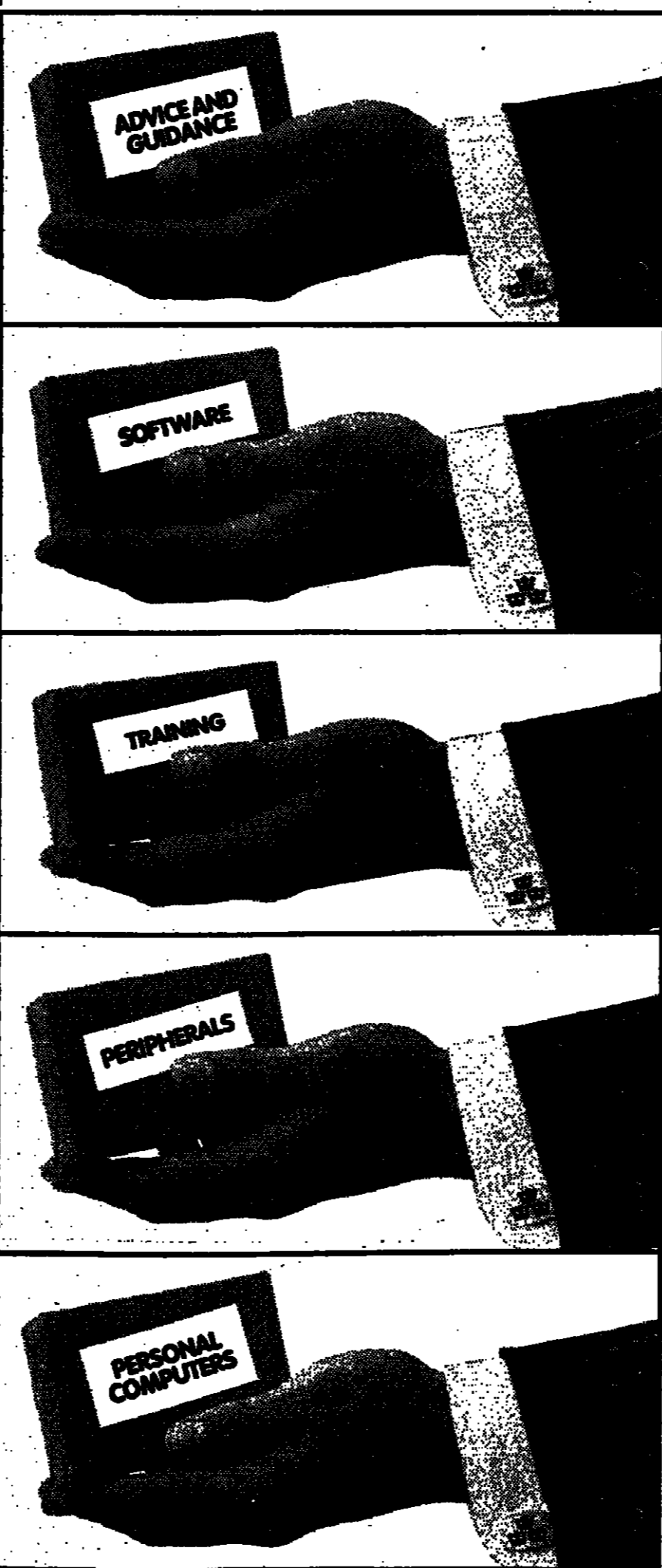
August by the Governor, Mr David Barwick, six days before it was to debate a no-confidence motion in Mr Romney.

The Opposition had called for his resignation because of his alleged connections with a company that was being in-

vestigated by Scotland Yard and the US Drug Enforcement Agency in connection with the laundering of drug trafficking money.

Mr Romney, who ran as an independent, was not implicated in any wrongdoing.

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Stars hit the anti-pollution trail

From Ivor Davis, Los Angeles

It is not easy to put glamour into toxic waste. But by the time California voters go to the polls on November 4 to decide whether to approve Proposition 65, an environmentalist measure designed to crack down on polluters in the state, the issue will have received a remarkable amount of exposure.

Last weekend about 42 top names in Hollywood crossed California in a Greyhound bus to try to persuade voters to pass the anti-toxic measure.

For almost three days Jane Fonda, Peter Fonda, Chevy Chase, the comedian, Michael J. Fox, the Emmy-winning actor, Whoopi Goldberg, an Oscar-nominee, and many more stars matched their show business glitter against the ability of corporate and agricultural opponents of the proposition.

They stopped in nine cities, mingling in shopping centres, hotel lobbies, college campuses and even rock 'n roll parties in an effort to combat the millions of dollars being poured in by big business to defeat the measure.

Toxic waste is generally regarded as a yuppie issue. So, in order to overcome that, supporters of the proposition organized the celebrity caravan to get the message across in heartland California.

"P. T. Barnum once said the way to get people to come to the circus is to get the biggest elephant and the big-

gest bass drum," noted Charles Haid, the *Hill Street Blues* television actor. "That is what we are doing. That is what we are best at."

The proposition, sponsored by environmentalists and Democratic political leaders,



Jane Fonda: taking waste campaign to the people.

seeks to restrict the discharge of toxic chemicals into drinking water, to increase the penalties for polluters and to allow citizens to enforce the law by taking court action.

The toxic issue is also crucial to Republican Governor George Deukmejian's re-election campaign in California. When Governor Deukmejian first took office he said he planned to get tough with polluters.

But his opponents, including Mr Tom Bradley, the

Mayor of Los Angeles, say the Governor's efforts have been puny.

A *Los Angeles Times* survey this week showed that California's hazardous waste clean-up and enforcement programme is in turmoil and that all six privately-run dumps, licensed by the Deukmejian administration, are leaking and fail to meet US Government rules for safe disposal.

A senior US Government environmental official described California's toxic bureaucracy as paralysed.

The Governor's regime claims it is doing its best but says it inherited a great deal of the toxic chaos from the previous Governor, Mr Edmund Brown, a Democrat.

Not since show business luminaries hit the road for war bond rallies in the 1940s has there been such a large celebrity turnout.

The famous faces have drawn large audiences wherever they go, and many of the stars promise to campaign until election eve.

Their message is a harsh one.

"I want to be able to drink the water without risking my life or the lives of my children," Miss Fonda told a cheering crowd at one stop.

Miss Goldberg, star of the film *The Color Purple*, said: "The bottom line is your children are going to die if we don't do something."

Pan Am jumbo hijackers 'had plan to blow it up in mid-air'

Islamabad (AP) — The four gunmen who seized a Pan American Airways jumbo jet in Karachi last month were on a suicide mission and may have been planning to blow up the plane in mid-air, a Pakistani official said yesterday.

A Foreign Office spokesman said the investigation into the hijacking of the Boeing 747 on September 5 revealed evidence that the terrorists intended to destroy the plane and kill about 400 passengers and crew members once they were airborne.

The hijackers, disguised as airport security guards, seized the plane on the tarmac at Karachi airport as it was loading passengers before taking off for Frankfurt and New York. The three-man flight crew escaped at the start of the incident, immobilizing the aircraft.

The 17-hour hijacking ended after the plane's lights failed and the terrorists detonated hand grenades and opened fire on the passengers with automatic weapons, witnesses said. Twenty passengers died.

The spokesman said the evidence of the hijackers' intentions justified the

Government's decision not to give them a flight crew.

"If their demands had been met it would have resulted in the loss of all of the lives of the passengers," he said.

The spokesman said many questions are still unanswered because the alleged hijackers were maintaining "a hard silence," deliberately misleading interrogators.

The men had reconciled themselves to dying, and appeared indifferent to the death sentences they face if convicted, he said, adding: "The hijackers have a rather suicidal approach to the whole issue."

The spokesman said it has been established that the four men entered Pakistan on false passports from Bahrain and other unspecified Gulf nations, and that others had preceded them to obtain weapons and information used in the hijacking. He said a fifth man, identified as Salman Taraki, arrested after the incident, appeared to be linked to the hijacking.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has arrested Captain Abdus Salam, a Libyan pilot, but refused to say whether he was an accomplice

The safety of the long-distance runners



Security guards, some of the 20,000 brought in for the Asian Games in South Korea, lining the route of the women's marathon in Seoul yesterday. The organizers and Government are taking no chances with terrorism: 100,000 police and troops are on full alert during the event. Games report, page 36.

Spanish police face corruption inquiry

From Richard Wigg
Madrid

The insensitivity shown by the Spanish Socialist Government over the case of "El Nani", a Madrid criminal who "disappeared" while undergoing police interrogation almost three years ago, led yesterday to the Opposition announcing that it was putting the matter before Spain's ombudsman.

If Professor Joaquín Ruiz Jiménez, a highly-respected lawyer who was chosen by all parties in Parliament as Spain's first Defender of the People in 1982, agrees, he has the chance to examine allegations of a widespread network of police corruption, going beyond abusive use of Spain's anti-terrorism laws, to make common criminals "sing".

He will be forced to look into charges against a dozen police commissioners and inspectors that they used criminals to commit bank robberies, and benefited from the subsequent selling-off of most of the booty.

Several of the commissioners and inspectors, who belonged to the Euzkadi Santander or Madrid anti-robbery squads, have been suspended from their duties while being investigated by fellow police chiefs and investigating magistrates.

But the judicial inquiry, reopening earlier police investigations which were mysteriously closed, is obviously making heavy weather of it.

In a second development yesterday, it emerged that one magistrate working on the case, with a reputation for trying to get to the bottom of things, has been transferred from Madrid to a quiet backwater.

Spaniards have been hearing for weeks from the media, which first disclosed the full seriousness of the "Nani" case, of ugly suspicions that the Government of Señor Felipe González, which won the 1982 elections with a programme which included a promise to give special attention to citizens' rights, including *habeas corpus*, has gradually fallen into permitting Franco-style police methods, including torture, to continue.

Diario 16 and *El País* have demanded that Spain's Interior Minister, Señor José Barrionuevo, should take some kind of action, carefully emphasizing that the need to fight terrorism is not the issue. What is at stake, they suggest, is whether Spain has its first case of an Argentine-style *desaparecido*.

But when he answered questions in Parliament last week, Señor Barrionuevo confined himself to admitting: "It is possible they have put a goal post in front of me." He was using a sporting image to explain how the police investigating "El Nani" had obtained his permission to use the anti-terrorism laws, which allow suspected terrorists, but not common criminals, to be held for up to 10 days.

The body of "El Nani" has never been recovered by his family, who started legal proceedings in 1984, maintaining that he was tortured to death. The police version has always been that he escaped while being taken to examine stolen goods.

Anti-US protest jams Panama traffic

Panama City (Reuters) — Pro-government demonstrators held up traffic on a road in front of the US Embassy on the second day of anti-American protests here.

The government supporters, led by prominent members of the military-backed Democratic Revolutionary Party, were protesting against a call from the US Senate last week for a CIA investigation of reports linking the Panamanian military to drugs and arms trafficking and human rights abuses.

After a seven-hour debate that included harsh anti-American statements, the Legislative Assembly passed a resolution condemning the US for its "clear violation of the principle of non-intervention".

President Eric Arturo Delvalle and his 12-member Cabinet signed a similar resolution, which was later delivered to the office of the US Ambassador, Mr Arthur Davis.

Rebel plea rejected by Aquino

From Keith Dalton
Manila

President Aquino yesterday rejected demands from Communist rebels for the release of Mr Rodolfo Salas, who is said to be the chairman of the banned party. The President was warned that the arrest on Monday of Mr Salas, and his continued military detention, could jeopardize peace efforts.

All troops were put on alert yesterday amid military fears that the capture of the Philippines' left-wing leader could spark reprisals.

The arrest of Mr Salas was a "normal police operation" and should not halt the two-month-old peace negotiations, Mr Teodoro Benigno, the press secretary, said.

Lawyers of the National Democratic Front, a left-wing alliance discussing peace terms with the Government, have demanded the release of Mr Salas because he is "actively and directly" involved in the talks to end the 17-year insurgency.

But Mrs Aquino rejected the former claim. According to Mr Benigno, Mr Salas was not one of the accredited negotiators and therefore could not claim immunity.

The armed forces chief, General Fidel Ramos, ordered troops into rugged mountain terrain in the southern Philippines yesterday to rescue 50 tribesmen who were kidnapped on Sunday by Communist rebels and made to work on a remote communal farm in the southern Philippines.



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Malaysia expels reporter

Kuala Lumpur (Reuters) — A judge yesterday rejected an appeal by an *Asian Wall Street Journal* reporter against a government order expelling him from Malaysia, and said he must leave immediately.

The correspondent, John Berthelsen, aged 48, said that the Acting Chief Justice, Datuk Harun Hashim, rejected his appeal in chambers.

The Home Ministry last

Friday banned sales of the paper in Malaysia for three months, and said it had decided to take action after studying unspecified articles.

The Deputy Home Minister, Datuk Megat Jani, on Tuesday accused the paper of unfair reporting and said it had "sabotaged the country's economic development" and "created feelings of uncertainty among the people".

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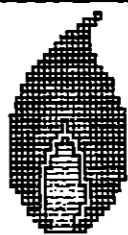
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CHANGING CHINA
It is perhaps hard to believe that in the biggest communist-controlled country on earth there are almost nine million privately-run small businesses. Brian James looks at the philosophy behind an insatiable thirst for success. Pictures by Graham Wood

Part 3: The road to riches

Ten miles from the centre of Peking, 100 yards from the nearest house, a woman sat at the roadside, an ancient sewing machine between her knees. Awaiting a lift? No, that's her place of business said the guide.

The chances of someone cycling past with a rent in his trousers and the time and yuan to pay for a repair would not rate highly with even a listening bank as a business venture worth backing. But there, says Zhang Xiaobin, westerners have it wrong. He is president of China Venturetech Investment Corporation, set up with 40 million US dollars to lure our money into his nation's business life.

Harvard-trained Mr Zhang declares: "China is an untapped ocean of entrepreneurial talent. The man who sells rolls on sticks from a barrow and, yes, your lady with the sewing machine have the capacity in the China of today to become industrial giants."

is the motivating force in China today. The scale of China's charge into the entrepreneurial age is staggering. But so consequently is the failure rate. In the first six months of this year 190,000 businesses ceased to exist, the one-man-and-a-dog size of most of them being made clear by the total of only 210,000 employees consequently being made jobs. However, that still left 8.7 million small businesses carrying on at the end of the first decade of self-made men.

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NO CUDDLING

Roll out the barrel: the first notes of this British oldie sounded at 7.30pm on the dot, and within 10 seconds the floor of the Jin Yuan ballroom club was packed. As it is four nights a week, with a strictly-counted crowd of 150 couples present.

There is no smoking, no drinking and precious little chatter. The dance is the thing. Not a lot of "Nin jingchang lai ma" (come here often?) And even less "may I walk you home?" A nodded agreement to meet in the same hall next week would be counted a courting coup in a hall where cuddles are out.

CHINESE CHEER

Chinese wine was once described with graphic accuracy as tasting like melted boiled sweets. But it is getting better. One place to find out was the vineyard at Beijing. The sign on the gate was "Sino-French Joint Venture Ltd."



Open all hours: a customer waits on a stall while a cobbler at the kerbside repairs shoes and bags; just one of China's 8.7 million entrepreneurs

Admired the grapes. A Chinese type. We admired the cleanliness of Mr Chen's plumbing, the skill of his bottlers and packers, that his 26 staff turned out 600,000 bottles a year, and were thus an elite earning £40 a month. And that 55 per cent of the wine now went for export. But surely if the wine was still being made in the old traditional way, and for Chinese taste... Mr Chen allowed that the French experts had shown them some new tricks.

Could he tell us about the tasting, we said, miming the sipping, swishing and spitting routine. Mr Chen sniffed at the ideas of such a primitive testing system. His machine, he said, always got the taste right. As increasingly it does. The French-connected Dynasty Extra Dry is actually potable. Elsewhere in China, German and Italian viniculturists are rooting in the soil; Manchurian Moselle is a real prospect

SURVIVOR'S TALE

Kong Fan Ping did not really expect to survive unscathed when the cultural revolution of Mao was unleashed. He was, after all, a physicist and therefore a proven intellectual. He was also related to one of China's four richest pre-war families. And he was also a 76th generation descendant of a man called Kong Fusi. Whom we, in

the West, remember as Confucius. He took into his first exile, on a remote farm, his famous ancestor's respect for intellect and a determination not to allow his mind to wither as he tended pigs. The only printed matter available in the commune was a pile of patterns. Using them as a starting point he taught himself to be a tailor. "I think I became quite expert. But it was the use of the mind which was important; the mechanics of building a suit are quite fascinating."

"The name of Confucius was hard to bear at those times. Much of premier Chou's teaching and writing was parallel in thought to that of Confucius; thus it was easy for Mao to attack Chou obliquely by disgracing the words of my ancestor. Mr Kong survived the cultural revolution to be reinstated and even sent briefly to study in Britain. He remembers most vividly, he says politely, the waste "if in Britain a machine does not work, you push it aside and take another. In China even the most senior researcher must be prepared to start a day by replacing a fuse. There is usually only one machine. If it breaks you must repair it."

Mr Kong seems astonishingly unembittered by his ordeal under Mao. "We confirmed that China is strong enough to survive the cultural revolution. Just as it will survive the bad parts of the commercial revolution which happens now. I believe Deng (China's new leader) will be judged by history as a man vastly more influential than Mao." But not quite the most famous Chinese of all time, Kong Fan Ping smiled.



Love in bloom. The man who laid out Peking's Ritan Park was an artist. The lake and island in the centre is a scene from a willow pattern plate. But trying to sketch what the lovers walking hand-in-hand over the bridges intend would attract the attention of the Porn Squad. Privacy in Peking's thin-wall housing blocks is impossible; the parks have become the place to make love.

The island, with its artificial mountain riddled with caves, is a sought-out spot. Late-comers have to make do with hideouts in the bushes. There is a code: two entwined bicycles mean "kindly keep your distance". It is not so much legal as allowed; provided, that is, you are married and have the lines to prove it. Otherwise it's wise to leave dalliance over the bridge of sighs to the Plate People.

ART AND CRAFT

Li Lang became an artist because his father was afraid he would become a hoodlum. There was no point in going to school, the Red Guards ran the place. "To stop me running the streets behind the gangs looking for intellectuals to denounce, he taught me to draw and paint."

"Later I went to school to study art. The Chinese way, which means when you paint a flower you begin like this. Number one stroke. Always. No variation. Not permitted. Then stroke number two. There is therefore no content or emotion in Chinese art. I learned to draw cubes, planes, faces with great precision. But nothing of feeling."

"It was as dead in its way as the time of the cultural revolution. Then all the influences that had come into Chinese art from the 1920s, perspective, light and shade were banned. There was no access to what books remained unburnt, and it was dangerous to seek them. Even the 1950s Russian influence, all those heroic workers and peasants marching behind the flags, were abandoned."

Li is now one of Peking's small but growing band of experimental artists. "My group are fascinated by what we hear from the West. But also frightened. We do not want to get swamped by your ideas. Just invigorated by them. I work as a stage designer. That too is pretty useless. Again tradition is everything. You start with line one, just so long so broad. I am bored. Soon I must give up. But that too is freedom not to be state artist. Making many, many, birds and flowers on screens for tourists. It is easy to make money as an artist in China. Harder to make a name, which is what I want."

TEE CEREMONIES

A little lady named Li watched dispassionately as a Japanese machine salesman booked his four-wheeled high into the fairway on the left. She scuttled into the bush and with seconds returned his Penfold No 2. She knew exactly where to look, but then until a while ago that was where she grew wheat and a sort of turnip.

China's first post-Liberation golf course opened two months ago. Miss Li is very happy to be a caddy. She gets a smart primrose uniform, a sunhat like a beekeeper's and twice as much (£15 a month) finding Penfolds as she did hoeing turnips. After a month's training she no longer giggles when a putt is missed.

Miss Li is slightly superstitious about the fact that the Japanese-owned Beijing golf course is sited in the valley once sacred to the memory of the Ming emperors buried there. Few Chinese will wrestle with their consciences, contemplating membership: a single round on this pleasant and dramatically-sited course costs £60, say three months' gross salary for an army officer.

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The youthful years of elderly people are being revived on stage by a band of travelling players

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Wegner, ex-RSC and ex-National Theatre, passed up the chance to tour Canada so that he could be "Bert" in the Age Exchange Theatre's new production, *My First Job*, which began a two-month national tour last week.

"I saw one of the earlier productions - *Fifty Years Ago* - and one old fellow jumped up shouting 'That's my life! Why doesn't anyone know about that?'"

He is the newest recruit in a cast of four professional actors who will be performing.

mainly to elderly audiences, plays about these old people's own young lives, taken from their own accounts and wrapped up in a storyline by Pam Schweitzer. Age Exchange's founder and artistic director.

"I'd always wanted to try and bring the theatre into education, but it occurred to me that when I let old people tell their stories, they felt much better, it was a therapy," she said. "Then I thought that, because they were such good story-tellers, the next stop was to make a play out of what they remembered."

Age Exchange Theatre is financed by grants from charities and two London boroughs, Greenwich and Lewisham, and by the modest fees collected for each presentation. With each production - there have been seven to date - comes a book, sold for between £2 and £3, which is a verbatim account of the stories which make up the plays, and there are exhibitions of the photographs collected by Pam Schweitzer.

A new spin-off is a more intensely therapeutic scheme, the Reminiscence Project. Twenty-three voluntary workers visit mentally and physically frail old people in hospitals and nursing homes, getting them to act out scenes from their pasts. "We realized that it seemed to make old people come out of that dreadful depression many suffer," said Schweitzer.

Having collected the old people's memories, fashioned a script and worked out set design ideas, there is a session with those who have provided their pasts as material, Jean Bacham, 74, shows how she made collars when she was a "tailoress", and how she cleaned a fire-grate; Iris Gamge, 66, demonstrates the Black Bottom as she performed it as a 1930s showgirl.

Meanwhile, musical arranger Paula Gardiner needs to know the kind of songs they were singing. "O, Mama, I Want to Marry a Baker's Boy" - and designer Becky Price has to know what products were advertised, what would appear above a shop window - "Did it actually say 'Labour Exchange'?"

"The detail is so right, they take so much care," said Jean Bacham. "Watching one of these shows brings back so many things, it goes right through you."

Simon Tait
Age Exchange Theatre is based at 15 Camden Row, Blackheath, London SE3 0JF (01-318 9105).

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His diary is littered with "I am a man of the people" references to the fortunes of the Liverpool football club, which sit unattractively, and cast a faint doubt on his sincerity.

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Bricks and brickbats

Eric Heffer, voted off Labour's national executive committee this week, could be forgiven for blaming his own sponsorship union. Not only did Ucat, the builders' union, last week pass a well publicized motion censuring his conference walk-out last year but, I learn, its general secretary, Albert Williams, wrote him a formal letter of warning. I expressed concern at Heffer's "poor show of unity" in 1985 and complained about his leaving a recent executive meeting equally abruptly. The night before his defeat at a Ucat reception attended by Neil Kinnock, Heffer complained to Williams that it was wrong to publicize their differences. Williams replied that he should toe the line. Heffer, headless of every warning, stormed off. It may not have been in the leadership's gift, but was it coincidence that the only new member elected to the NEC's union section was Ucat's Jack Rogers?

Last straw

Derek Hatton, unbloody and unbowed after the final seal was put on his expulsion that morning, spent Tuesday night joking with the troops at a Militant rally. Feeling at a note that had just been read to him, he stood up and told his audience, swelled by at least two coach loads of supporters from Liverpool: "I can cope with being thrown out of the Labour Party. I can cope with losing my job with Knowsley council, but I can't cope with Everton losing 4-1 to Liverpool and Ian Rush scoring a hat-trick."

On a casual spirit, with no bravado, one Militant in Blackpool bemoaned the 6.1 million votes in favour of expelling fellow Trots from the Labour Party thus: "That is six million ice picks buried in the heads of the Liverpool Labour movement."

RIP

After all the abuse tossed at the Labour party's new red rose logo (it's anti-Yorkshire, it's anti-Scott), I find the canniest analysis in an article about something quite different in this week's *New Society*. Discussing the greetings card industry, David White writes: "Some 70 per cent of cards use flowers to say whatever they want to say. The top flower in the hearts and flowers market is the rose. In the card industry's language of flowers a rose says 'I love you'. The rose is also a useful all purpose flower. If it is embossed on a plain white board, it can say 'My condolences'."

Back to base

Attending a press session in Washington on Monday with a group of young Chinese baseball players, Vice-President George Bush warned reporters that he would answer questions about baseball, and baseball only. That did not stop them. "Mr Vice-President," asked one, "how long will it be before Nick Daniloff is playing baseball again?" Another followed up: "Will he be back in time for the World Series?"



'Free tickets for soccer fans should shift them'

Do unto others

The Labour-controlled Brent Council in north London yesterday introduced the country's first multi-faith religious syllabus for schoolchildren. It treats all religions equally and mentions Christianity only once - among a list of religions in the appendix. The Rev Roger Mason, Anglican chairman of the committee responsible for the syllabus, tells me eloquently that we must "adapt to local conditions" and abandon Christian-centred religious studies. Not when it comes to his own children, however. Mason sends his three children of secondary school age well away from his home in Brent to Graycoats Hospital, a Church of England school in Westminster of which he is a governor.

Threesome

Author and cricket fanatic Leslie Thomas celebrates a publishing hat-trick today: the simultaneous publication of a new novel, *The Adventures of Goodnight and Loving*, about a lawyer turned hobo, a cricketer's short story in *The Boundary Book* and a profile of Sir Len Hutton in *Short Singles*. He will not be at the launch of any of them; instead he will be addressing a private lunch for Fleet Street middle managers - on, among other things, cricket.

Blackpool: Robin Oakley samples the anger over Labour's new image; Ronald Butt on venom as before

In sickness and in stealth

The people's flag is deepest pink. We're really nicer than you think... Bemused Labour delegates at Blackpool this week have found themselves caught up in a revolution they had never expected. This is not the Labour conference any more: it is a television-orientated rally complete with glossy souvenir brochure.

After all those years of glibbing at a Labour organization which Harold Wilson called the old penny farthing, the party at last has a machine that works. The red rose symbol - an open rose, you notice, and not the closed rose of Continental Socialism - is accompanied by new smooth typefaces and pastel backgrounds. But it is accompanied, too, by a ruthless stage management of debates, with a pre-selection of speakers worthy of any Tory assembly.

Neil Kinnock must no longer be underestimated by his opponents, for he has proved a quick learner. In his first year as leader he lost the battle to win one man, one vote reselection for Labour MPs, having not done enough to square the union leaders in advance.

Now he has control over his executive and, through the unions, over his conference, such as no Labour leader has enjoyed for years. And any reforms which would interfere with that control - such as giving the rank-and-file conference delegates more voting power in relation to the union blocs, or allowing women to elect

the five-member women's section of the NEC without the controlling hand of the union bosses - are ruthlessly pushed back into the cupboard. It looks good on television. It is reassuring. It all fits in with the smart new image for the Labour Party being chiselled out by two key figures behind Kinnock, the party's general secretary, Larry Whitty, and the communications director, Peter Mandelson. But it is an operation which is brewing up resentment against the leadership among the people who will still have to knock on doors for Labour at the next election. They are by no means as convinced as Kinnock and his team that they want to be smart.

Tour the fringe meetings in Blackpool and the irritation soon bubbles over. Keir Hardie would have been lucky to get into this conference even on a visitor's ticket, said John McDonnell, one-time Livingstone lieutenant, at the *Labour Herald* rally. The leadership, he complained, was turning the conference from a policy-making body into a media event. It was a paradise for publicity agents; a vehicle for Kinnock. Six hundred people cheered when he declared: "We want to regain control of our conference."

The expulsion of Derek Hatton and the Liverpool Militants may have done wonders for Labour in the opinion polls. But the discipline drive has left the left wondering what comes next. As Diane Abbott, the black par-

liamentary candidate for Hackney North, put it on Monday: "If they came for Militant in the morning they'll come for the rest of us in the afternoon." And Tony Benn was loudly applauded when he said that the party leadership was applying the old army charge of "conduct prejudicial to good order and military discipline" when he could not get you for anything specific; a concept which only applied to the "other ranks".

Even the left does not want to rock the boat too hard this year when it can see that Labour has a chance of electoral victory. But the warning sounds are coming through already. "We're all working for a Labour victory, but not for a victory at any price," said one rally speaker. "We can't afford a triumph in which packaging is seen to triumph over content."

Benn had delegates laughing derisively as he read extracts from the rallying call he had received from the party's Walworth Road headquarters for the conference - an invitation to Labour supporters to busy packs of Freedom and Fairness Campaign balloons in contrasting shades.

Too much sickness makes you sick, is the left's approach. And there are more warning clouds for Kinnock in the way his chosen generals are derided by the troops. "John Cunningham's socks glow in the dark" is good for a laugh at any left-wing gathering - a ref-

erence to the environment spokesman's support for nuclear power, which is not altogether unconnected with the fact that the Sellafield nuclear plant is in his constituency and the only major source of jobs there. Cunningham, sharp-suited, silk-handkerchiefed, smoothly presentable on television and a master of his brief, is a prize proponent of Kinnock's new realism. But he is fast becoming a bogey man to the rank and file. So are the admirably outspoken housing spokesman, Jeff Rooker, and the Wykehamist education spokesman, Giles Radice. Roy Hattersley has been some time in the shooting gallery already.

But those are the men that the new Labour image is all about. The problem for Kinnock is that the men and women who will make up his parliamentary force if he does win his way to No 10 are the ones who are touring these fringe meetings cheering every call for the release of jailed miners, for the surcharges to be lifted from the Lambeth councillors and for the troops to be withdrawn from Northern Ireland.

Some time the new Labour image and the reality are going to collide. The task for Kinnock and his image burnishers in the meantime - a task they are performing well in Blackpool so far - is to ensure that that collision occurs after the next election and not before it.

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New bottle, same old wine

Labour may be cultivating a new image, but its basic sentiments remain unchanged. A speaker who wishes to command his audience must still pitch his words in querulous and angry tones that appeal to the party's collective self-pity. The argument is still to a class conflict with exploiting bosses and treason by scabs, to blacks resisting racist attacks by the police, to gays and lesbians who think they are discriminated against, or to "Labour people" suffering injustice meted out by "Tory" judges and magistrates.

Throughout the conference debate on crime, for instance, the prevailing mood was deeply anti-police. A print worker, Geoffrey Dixon, accused the police of attacking blacks at St Paul's, Bristol, and at Brixton and Toxteth ("I don't see the police arresting the children of the rich in their quest for heroin and cocaine"). Anne Thomas from Bristol (blondely Anglo-Saxon) warned the party not to expect black votes if it would not support blacks. Linda Bellos, the militant feminist leader of Lambeth Council, attacked the Home Office for inspiring the drugs raids in Brixton and elsewhere, and the media for attempting to "criminalize" the blacks. (Her fury had a further airing yesterday in the debate on "black sections" in which she revealingly attacked the separate use of "black" and "Asian" in the description of the party's Black and Asian Advisory Committee as "shamefully depriving us of our own self-description as blacks.")

Serious discussion about crime was absent. In Labour rhetoric, crime (whose principal victims are the inner city working class) is caused by Margaret Thatcher. Many speakers said so, and the shadow home secretary, Gerald Kaufman, gave his respectability to their opinion. When he was at last called for his few minutes on the lower rostrum (he is not a member of the national executive), he prefaced his promise of more money to prevent crime with a characteristic example of intellectual slumming in order to appeal to his audience. Reciting the statistics of the crimes which would have been committed that morning, he declared: "That is Margaret Thatcher's criminal record."

The same attitudes pervaded the debate on law reform. Tony Benn, for the NEC, paid tribute to "Labour magistrates" who did their best and attacked "politically biased Tory magistrates" and judges who used their power against "Labour people", miners, Greenham women, and so on. The injustices to "our" or "Labour" people (as though they were a breed apart) ran through the argument. Tony Gifford, as he announced himself, or otherwise Lord Gifford, the left-wing barrister, abandoned his more natural and smoother-tongued style for one more suitable to the occasion. Shouting and stabbing the air like a militant student orator, he declared that Britain needed more women judges and more black

judges. (He forgot to mention "my judges"). Another, presumably educated member of the Society of Labour Lawyers spoke of the "blue-rinsed vandals" who would be buying at Bournemouth next week for more prizes.

Not least a deep vein of anti-Americanism permeates the party. When Neil Kinnock made the briefest possible reference to Russia in Afghanistan, it won not a clap. His tirade against the US in Nicaragua received huge applause. It was, in other words, the same old party, and I dare say that Ms. Bellos spoke for more delegates than would openly admit it when, after Kinnock's speech, she remarked that it contained no socialism, and added slyly: "I didn't hear any reference to class." But if it wasn't there in Kinnock's speech, it is there in the party, and class conflict would be there harassing him if he were to reach No 10. It would be coming from the constituency parties, from some of the trade union hierarchies, and it would be heavily represented among the Labour MPs who would be behind him in Parliament.

Meanwhile, Kinnock and his colleagues seek to persuade the nation that they are a very different party, a party for all grievances, but also a party of reason and moderation. He is, as he put it, in the serious business of persuading people to Labour's view, which of course means keeping the left quiet at least on the major issues of the economy and state control, even though they have won on defence and cannot be kept quiet on such social questions as crime.

What is most significant is the willingness of so many on the left, especially the so-called soft left, to keep quiet, and their reason is the most important aspect of Labour politics now. They are no less desperate for power than the Labour moderates and still they know that if Labour does not win, it really will be in danger of breaking up and precipitating the realignment of the left which is (or at any rate, was) the Alliance's objective.

There are moments in Labour's history when the left has not minded losing. These have been when it calculated, as it did after 1974, that a period of opposition would give the left a chance to tighten its grip on the party. But sensible left-wingers also know that if Labour does not maintain its claim to be the alternative party of government by getting power from time to time, its survival will be doomed for lack of credibility, and credibility is what this year's conference is about. Kinnock, aided by a number of moderates, notably John Smith and John Cunningham, is doing a remarkable job in pulling all wings of his disparate party together. But for real credibility, style is no substitute for substance.

Kinnock and his friends are front men for forces they know the public does not want and which must be camouflaged. Is it possible that the electorate will not see through it?

moreover... Miles Kingston

Slipshod, Bristol fashion

The police image has taken a beating recently, and although the police have done their best to restore it by staging drugs raids, announcing inquiries and suspending every other officer from duty for a while, I am not sure that this is the best route. What the public needs is reassurance that the old image of a policeman as an endearing, chucky bobby is not entirely dead. If anyone made a record today called *The Laughing Policeman* it would not, I'm afraid, sell many copies. This must be changed, and I'm glad to say that I have spotted a sign, from Bristol, that the policeman still has a sense of fun and enjoy a joke as much as the next man.

I first realized that the Bristol police were not as other forces when, earlier this year, they surrounded a house in which an armed gang had taken refuge and laid siege to it for several hours. When they eventually charged in, they found nobody there.

Now, this by itself does not prove anything, and it certainly did not gain much publicity at the time. But, as if to prove that they were not to be deterred, they did it again in the last week of August. An armed man had stolen several thousand pounds from the Bristol and West Building Society in Whiteladies Road, close to the BBC building, when the police arrived they laid siege to a nearby house in which they were convinced the man was hiding.

He was not. He had gone into an adjacent restaurant, the Restaurant du Gourmet, where he not only ordered a meal but asked for a cut on his hand to be dealt with. The manager became suspicious and went to the police, busy with their siege, to tell them that he thought the man they were besieging was actually sitting in his restaurant. He went not once, but twice. On both occasions the police told him to go away as they were very busy with their siege. The diner turned out to be, indeed, the man the police were looking for, but by the time they had discovered his absence from the besieged house, he was also absent from the restaurant.

This quirky sense of fun on the part of the Bristol police was shown at its best in the affair of the missing corpse, which also took place this summer. Someone discovered a severed finger lying in a park. The police arrived and took it to a pathologist. The conclusion was that this finger must belong to a missing body, so the police started scouring the area and even held a press conference to appeal for public assistance. Fifteen policemen went through hospital records for cases of lost fingers to see if any fingerless men could help them with their inquiries.

Next morning the search was resumed. It was called off only when the forensic department at Chipstead (where the finger had been sent) telephoned to say that in their opinion the finger was made of rubber. Although perhaps tempted to carry on searching for a rubber corpse, the police declared that the party was over.

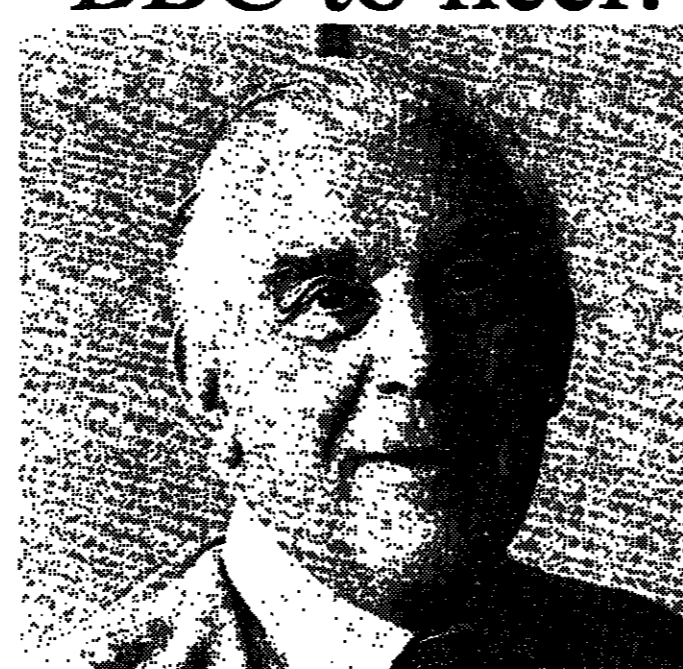
As I am not in Bristol all the time, I cannot be sure what other pranks the police have been up to, though I quite enjoyed reading about their discovery of chocolate bars containing cannabis which were on sale in Bristol pubs at £2 a bar. These, said the police, constituted a grave threat to children. I hope it is only the police in Bristol who think that children go around with police paying £2 for bars of chocolate.

And finally we had the recent raid on the St Paul's area, in which 600 policemen spent two days looking for drug barons and ended up arresting four men on petty drugs charges. This caused a certain amount of rioting. Unable to identify all the rioters, the police have asked the BBC to turn over their film of the incidents. So far the BBC has refused. Perhaps they want to keep it for a programme about the Bristol police.

If I were the Bristol police, I would certainly want to go on playing it for laughs. I just hope they don't start taking themselves seriously at a time when they could dramatically change the image of the police. Time for another empty house siege. I feel...

Thatcher's choice: Brian James profiles the ruthless grandee in the chairman's hot seat

Can the Duke bring the BBC to heel?



Hussey: 'No axeman, an open mind' - but acknowledging that things are not as they should be within the corporation

in common. Obsessive people, perfectionists, but not always tuned in to matters of finance and practicality. I imagine that may be true at the Beeb. I really am no axeman. Ask my friends. Editor of *The Times* here - between 1967 and 1981, explained the relationship that developed after Hussey left Associated Newspapers - "where he could not have failed to become aware of the wickedness in human nature" - to become managing director at *The Times*.

Editors and chief executives, he said, were capable of only two sorts of relationship. Either they were ghastly, in permanent conflict, or they developed an understanding as close as any business relationship is capable of being. "Ours was the second kind. He is enormously affable. He can be incredibly tough. I do not mean in a table-thumping manner. But he has the ability to make the hardest decisions. At Associated, he once took his best friend for a walk

along the Embankment, and fired him. So yes, he can be ruthless. He will need to be." The BBC, according to Rees-Mogg, a former governor, was in deep trouble. It had embraced not enterprise culture, but a spending culture. It had interpreted editorial independence as a freedom exercised at producer level, far below the level of true responsibility. It was a bureaucracy out of control. "I believe Duke Hussey has five years to get this right. If he fails he will leave the corporation in a state of deep crisis. It is odd that while those at the top will regard his appointment with deep anxiety, in case he should be too draconian, people at the bottom have already begun to question me on whether he will be tough enough. They know, you see, the problems."

Duke Hussey, with a given name straight out of Wodehouse, a background of Rugby, Oxford and the Guards, and a wife who is a lady-in-waiting to the Queen and godmother to Prince William, is a sitting target for the left: an Establishment grandee, a paid-up member of the elite right. Actually, he insists, he is apolitical, has not attended a political meeting for 40 years, and if he must be given a niche, then it must have room to accommodate Gaiskell and Iain Macleod.

Inevitably yesterday, the news of his appointment was greeted

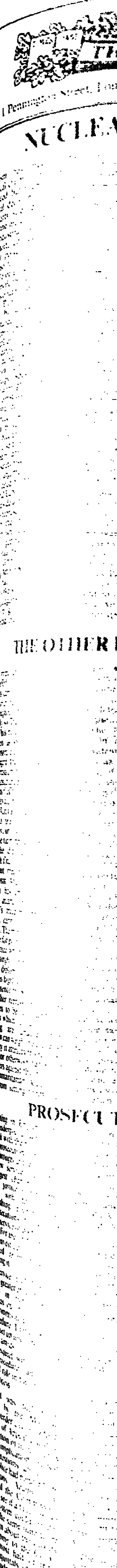
Art strain

Philip Howard: new words for old

the 1950s the technological magazines had adopted the phrase as a piece of pet jargon. These brief reports of current research are presumably intended to give an accurate idea of the state of the art, or important breakthroughs in particular fields. At this stage, the general public started to pick up this shiny new phrase, and, as usual, got it wrong. The professional and public meanings of the state of the art began to diverge. For technologists, particularly those in computers and related fields, state of the art implies something with facilities or techniques already known or developed, and not experimental or at the research-and-development stage.

Here is an advertisement in *The New York Times*: "Position open in several areas for design of special purpose digital equipment related to high-speed, state-of-the-art, commercial computers." To the technologists, state of the art means the present state of play, which in their brief new world means something that is already obsolescent and fuddy-duddy. The state of the art is the opposite to innovative. It is not where the new frontiersmen, hunting quarks or designing new formats to enable the Literary Editor to print prose in oval shapes, play. Ignorant outsiders, led by the Gadarene advertising industry, cannot believe that such a trendy

phrase can mean something old-fashioned. So we use it to mean exactly what we want it to mean, neither more nor less, vice versa, up-to-date, the latest adventurous invention. For example: "It is still not easy to produce decent pictures at such a venue, even when one is replete with state of the art cameras, long lenses and fast film." Or, for another example from the insane ad from British Telecom, which would be better equipped improving the service than inventing deaf slogans. "We're responsible for the art of other state-of-the-art innovations." This is to use language like breaking wind. In short, state of the art is a raging popularized technicality, like parameter, or myth, or window of opportunity, from other specialties. I shall avoid the phrase, on the grounds that the language is in a terrible state of chassis without aggravating it.





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NUCLEAR AMBIGUITY

Socialism has made some historical claim to be a scientific creed, but at any point of practical decision in the Labour Party, science and reason are at the mercy of sentiment and industrial conservatism. The tortured debate over nuclear power, and its outcome so far, afford a classic example of Labour's attempts to reconcile the real world with its passionate hopes.

The Party in general is driven by a tide of fear, understandably rising after Chernobyl, about the risks of technical error, accidents and even catastrophe. On the other hand, knowledgeable people in the Party, including its energy spokesman, Mr John Cunningham (who also has a constituency interest), argue that economic and energy needs do not allow nuclear power to be abandoned precipitately, and that in any case this would not be justified by any sober analysis of the safety risks.

The argument is further complicated by the conflicts of sectional Labour interests. On the one side are the three large unions representing the workers in the nuclear power industry who are deeply opposed to getting rid of nuclear power stations, with the loss of their livelihoods. Against them are Mr Arthur Scargill and his National Union of Mineworkers who argue that the case against nuclear power on safety grounds is unarguable, and that nuclear power

can be replaced by the development of coal re-inforced by wave, wind and solar energy — in all of which their wish is father to their thought.

For the Labour leadership there is a pragmatic need both to satisfy the anti-nuclear mood of the Party and to come to terms with the simple fact that any commitment to immediate abandonment of nuclear power would spell energy and economic difficulties.

The solution of Labour's national executive committee, therefore, was the highly complex statement which was passed yesterday by the Labour conference with the two-thirds majority which makes it eligible for inclusion in the Party manifesto. It accepts the principle of phasing out nuclear power but hedges this about with many qualifications, particularly in respect of speed, which would appear to give a Labour government both discretion and flexibility in action.

Labour would build no more nuclear power stations and would start by phasing out the old magnox reactors. But the whole switch by smooth transition to a non-nuclear policy could take decades, which is unacceptable to many in the Party. Though the move to non-nuclear energy would add to costs, it is argued that this extra addition to Labour's other spending plans would be

sufficiently spread out to be acceptable.

In Labour Party terms it was counted a victory that this policy of compromise was accepted yesterday by a two-thirds majority, whereas Mr Scargill's motion for getting rid of nuclear power in the lifetime of the next Labour government, though it had a clear majority, fell short of the required two-thirds.

Yet in many respects this is a hollow victory for Mr Kinnock and his colleagues, for even if Labour took 20 years to get rid of nuclear power (supposing it held office for such a length of time) it would still face the opposition of nuclear workers. Any foot-dragging, however, would expose it to constant harassment by its powerful anti-nuclear element who understandably are not encouraged by the breezy exhortation of Mr Eric Hammond of the EEPFU, that they should take their example from Russia's decision to open one reactor at Chernobyl.

Those hostile to nuclear power rightly complain that no nation is an island when it comes to nuclear accidents. But they fail to draw the logical conclusion that the right way to proceed with the risks is by increasing international co-operation in respect of technology and safety standards. In nuclear power as in nuclear weapons, a unilateralist country has no bargaining power. As it is, Labour simply offers one more essay in ambiguity.

THE OTHER EAST-WEST TRADE

The imminent release of Dr Yuri Orlov, physicist, human rights campaigner and Soviet prisoner, has been welcomed throughout the West, and justly so. The campaign waged on his behalf may not have been as spectacular or as personalized as that which brought Anatoli Shcharansky to Jerusalem, but it has been as dedicated and persistent. Eight years of effort by Dr Orlov's fellow scientists and others in the West have finally paid off.

But the inclusion of Dr Orlov, until yesterday in exile in the far north-east of Siberia, in the diplomatic equation which finalized the Reykjavik summit meeting is open to criticism. And that criticism, which has emanated from many quarters now that Dr Orlov's freedom seems assured, cannot be dismissed lightly. The morality of trading people for political advantage, a practice which has become increasingly common in East-West diplomacy over the years, is highly questionable.

In essence, the Soviet Union and other repressive regimes are seen to be rewarded for policies which to our way of thinking are unacceptable. Moscow can weigh the adverse publicity it attracts from locking up or otherwise harassing dissenters against the political and humanitarian kudos it gains from setting them free

again. And because the news outlets of the West and their customers naturally prefer the exception to the norm, victory to defeat, the few releases eclipse the many detentions.

The reality of the Soviet Union is, however, that the dissident human rights movement as it was in the 1970s is a thing of the past. The movement and the individuals who belonged to it, hoping that the undertakings given by their government at Helsinki would facilitate a measure of democratic change, have been systematically crushed by successive Kremlin leaders. For all his suffering, Dr Orlov is a vestige of a bygone age — which is probably why Moscow has let him go.

Yet the dubious morality of the transaction gives the West no justification for passing by on the other side. If the Soviet Union chooses to sell people whose value abroad exceeds their value at home (and the regimes in East Germany and Romania are engaged in similar transactions), then humanitarian considerations dictate that we will buy. But we should at the same time ensure that the price demanded of the Soviet Union is as high as it can possibly be, that our distaste for the transaction is known, and that we do not allow those still detained to be forgotten.

With the promised departure of Yuri Orlov from the Soviet Union next week, the trade in figureheads of the Soviet human rights movement is drawing to a close. The Gorbachov leadership has increasingly sent inconvenient individuals into emigration. There will be fewer and fewer people for the Kremlin to trade in future.

The only prominent Soviet dissidents from the 1970s still in captivity are Andrei Sakharov and his wife Elena Bonner, who live in internal exile in Gorky. Following the release of Dr Orlov into emigration, their eventual release (at the "right" price) cannot be ruled out, despite repeated Soviet protestations to the contrary. Now is the time for the West's campaign on their behalf to be stepped up.

This is not to neglect or undervalue the many people in the Soviet Union who dissent from the policies of their government or who, like many Soviet Jews, wish to emigrate. It is rather to recognize that the scene is changing and that the campaign for human rights in the Soviet Union must move on to the struggle for all Soviet citizens to be allowed to live where they choose and dissent peacefully from the view of the government without threat of prison.

which should proceed. There are no statistics as yet, but the signs are they are already sifting out the weaker ones. Initially this has added to delays, but in time that should be more than outweighed by the sifting of weak cases which will no longer clog up the Crown Court.

The principle of the service has wide public and political support. It is an additional safeguard for the rights of the individual within the criminal justice system at a time when police powers are being expanded. It must be given time to be fairly judged as to whether it meets the Royal Commission's tests of fairness, openness and workability.

There are still obstacles to be overcome, above all the shortfalls in staffing. In London, where most lawyers had to be found, staffing levels are still only at half strength, and the system gets underway in the capital heavily reinforced by the private profession and prosecutors seconded from the provinces. It is on this that the service is most acutely sensitive. No-one expects, as one branch prosecutor put it, a change from one system to another overnight. Quality of recruits is more important than quantity. But it would be disastrous if staff shortages, administrative muddles and inexperience persist long enough to undermine the service's whole aim of restoring public confidence in the criminal justice system.

PROSECUTING CHANGES

Prosecuting in England and Wales undergoes a sea-change this week with the birth of the crown prosecution service in courts throughout the country. This new service represents the biggest change in the criminal justice system this century, with the police relinquishing responsibility for prosecutions to a new salaried service of public prosecutors. For the first time the task of investigating crime is separated from that of prosecuting it.

The service, hailed as the means to greater efficiency and economy in the criminal courts, has its origins in the Royal Commission on Criminal Procedure. That Commission was set up under Sir Cyril Phillips amidst widespread public disquiet with existing police procedure, and with their dual role in the criminal justice process.

Disquiet was fuelled in particular by the Maxwell Confait murder case in which the Court of Appeal quashed the conviction of three youths and, by implication, raised serious questions about the way the police had handled the investigations. Against that background the Commission decided to see if a fairer, more efficient system could be devised. At the same time there was concern about the quality of cases going to the Crown Court. Almost half of these result in acquittals, of which a third are judge-directed, gen-

erally on the grounds of insufficient evidence.

The Commission therefore concluded that alongside a new statutory framework for the investigation of offences by police, now enshrined in the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984, there was need for a new prosecution system. Its birth has not been an easy one. There have been complaints of incompetence, administrative blunders, lost papers and general chaos which have added to the delays in the courts rather than helping to reduce them.

Some teething troubles were inevitable. The change, in London in particular where police formerly undertook the bulk of prosecutions, has been traumatic; courts have had to adjust to lawyers, and not police, standing up to take whole case lists. But the revolution has been felt everywhere. Former local authority prosecutors, who form the core of the service, have become civil servants, amidst complaints of red tape and poorer conditions of service. Some, formerly working alongside police in the stations themselves, have had to move into new buildings; a sign of the new more independent relationship that prosecutors will have with the police.

The most significant change is the independent review of cases by public prosecutors, applying the Attorney General's guidelines, to decide

whether to prosecute. There are no statistics as yet, but the signs are they are already sifting out the weaker ones. Initially this has added to delays, but in time that should be more than outweighed by the sifting of weak cases which will no longer clog up the Crown Court.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Backward march in technology

From Professor Mino Green
Sir, My department was chosen, with others, to be expanded so as to provide more qualified engineers in disciplines related to information technology (IT). To be selected we had to obtain strong indications of support from industry in the form of covenanted staff posts, gifts, etc. I spent three months spearheading the department's efforts. Industrial response was, at least in part, generous.

Now, because of the latest round of cuts, some retiring staff are not replaced, so the expansion in student numbers carries with it a further decrease in the staff/student ratio and a further reduction in our capacity to compete intellectually on the world stage. And what will my contacts in industry think now of all those encouraging words I spoke to them?

The IT industries are the major technology of our age, exceeding steel, cars, etc. We will be largely excluded from this business unless we have a highly educated society, not just engineers, but the great range of professional and artisan skills, to grasp the opportunities as they arise.

We need education to create wealth and to enhance life. It should be remembered by all that we now have to earn our way in this world by our skills.

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more difficult to recruit top-quality graduates, both PhD chemists and also chemical, electrical and mechanical engineers.

One recent action by government affecting the supply of school teachers seems likely to add to these difficulties so far as chemistry is concerned. In trying to encourage more teacher trainees to opt for maths, physics or technology, the Government has introduced a bursary scheme paying £1,200 a year tax free, in addition to the normal grant, to students entering teacher training in these subjects. The scheme does not apply to those opting to teach chemistry, the numbers of whom have, I understand, fallen by a quarter this year.

Surely there is a real danger that the bursary scheme, however well meant, will divert yet more candidates away from chemistry teaching?

Yours faithfully,
DAVID CULPIN (Director,
Technical and Economic Affairs),
Chemical Industries Association Limited,
Aldermole House,
93 Albert Embankment, SE1,
September 29.

Merits of VAT
From Mr R. J. Pelly
Sir, Most UK taxes — particularly National Insurance, PAYE, corporation tax and rates — are a tax on production and employment. They all reduce the ability of UK industry to compete in domestic and international markets. VAT is the one tax that does not handicap UK industry. It is charged equally on products sold in the UK by foreign and domestic producers. It is not charged at all on UK exports.

Why is this simple fact not recognized by the Government and its opponents, all of whom have a reduction in unemployment as one of their principal objectives? A tax system that gives UK industry an even chance — irrespective of the level of taxation — must surely appeal to all political parties.

If governments were to increase the rate of VAT whilst simultaneously abolishing taxes on UK production, I suggest that the level of UK unemployment would decline dramatically.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD J. PELLY,
Richard Pelly and Co. Limited,
Lomer Cottage,
Warnford,
Southampton, Hampshire.

Help for chemistry
From Mr T.D. Culpin
Sir, Sir Edward Jones (September 29) refers to the UK chemical industry's strongly positive contribution to our balance of trade and suggests that the number of PhD chemists joining the industry from the universities, as highlighted by his recent survey, must have helped in this achievement.

His last point about the need to foster such activities is especially topical. At this association we have recently completed a survey of graduate recruitment by 25 member companies — mostly major employers — who together take on about 600 graduates a year. A clear message now emerging from many of these companies is that it is becoming more and

Legal advice and small claims

From Mr J. C. Greenwood
Sir, I noted with alarm and disbelief the article by your Legal Affairs Correspondent (September 24) headed "Ban on lawyers in small claims courts is suggested". There is comparatively little wrong with the conception of the day-to-day operation of small claims courts, I would, however, venture to suggest that as the civil justice review consultation paper is concerned in its suggestions as much with saving public money as anything else, a considerable saving of judicial time could be made by directing funds towards publicity for the notion that those intent on making claims would be well advised, before embarking on litigation, to obtain at least a smattering of legal advice.

This would limit the present large number of half-baked claims and often spurious defences which are filed in the small claims court and cut down the wasted judicial time in sifting out the muddles which clutter the courts.

Yours faithfully,
J. C. GREENWOOD,
Forester & Forester, Solicitors,
61 St Mary Street,
Chippinham, Wiltshire,
September 25.

From Mr Robert Egerton
Sir, It is good news, and important news, that the Lord Chancellor may at last be persuaded to bar lawyers from appearing in the small claims courts in all but exceptional cases. It is totally illogical to proclaim, as successive Lord Chancellors have for thirteen years, that legal representation is unnecessary in small claims while permitting it for those who can afford it and refusing legal aid to those who cannot.

The small claims courts have demonstrated that the court needs to exercise more active supervision over the conduct of cases before they reach trial. The details must be left to the professionals, but there is one striking anomaly with which the layman should be concerned.

Small claims court hearings are the only hearings which can, and normally do, take place in private without any special reason having to be shown. The excuse for this is that the parties prefer it, but that applies to most litigants in any court. We long since learned the lesson that trials behind closed doors are open to abuse and in fact the weaknesses of the present small claims procedure have been concealed because the Press and the public have not been able to drop in, as they can at any other court, and observe what is going on.

If the small claims court procedure is to be extended, as it should be, the cases must be as open to public scrutiny as they are in the rest of our courts.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT EGERTON,
Egerton Sandler, Solicitors
and Privy Council Agents,
17-18 Dover Street, W1,
September 24.

Search powers
From Lord Houghton of Sowerby
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Sir, The RSPCA claim (report, September 26) that their inspectors should be given "similar powers of entry to the police" raises serious questions of public policy. The right of entry carries with it the right to gain entry by force and all that may follow from that. Parliament is naturally very sensitive to the widening scope and use of incursions into our civil liberties.

In the fight against crime we have come to tolerate more irritations and indignities at the hands of growing numbers of police and public officials armed with these powers. Nevertheless, we must surely draw the line at extending them to the staff of charitable and other self-appointed bodies upon whom rests no statutory duty and who are not subject to supervision by, or accountable to, any public authority.

The supportive role of these bodies to law enforcement is valuable and enjoys wide public approval. I suggest it is not more power to the RSPCA we need but a more vigorous enforcement of the law by the police, whose statutory duty it is and who already have the powers necessary for the task.

I am, Sir,
HOUGHTON OF SOWERBY,
September 29.

'Shane' in Welsh
From Mr Huw H. Davies
Sir, The article, "Can TV rescue the language?", in your "Focus" supplement on Wales (September 25) gave the impression that it was Sianel Pedwar Cymru, S4C, that first experimented with dubbing Hollywood films into the Welsh language.

The writer refers specifically to the film *Shane*, starring Alan Ladd. In fact, *Shane* was one of three world-renowned feature films dubbed into Welsh and shown on HTV Wales in September, 1978 — over four years prior to the setting up of S4C.

While the screening of *Shane* in Welsh may have brought "howls of protest", as your correspondent puts it, from some viewers, it was, nevertheless, welcomed by others as a bold experiment in Welsh language entertainment.

Yours faithfully,
HUW H. DAVIES,
Director of Programmes,
HTV Wales,
HTV Limited,
The Television Centre,
Culverhouse Cross, Cardiff.

Personal affront
From Mr J. M. Meade
Sir, Captain D. C. Hebron, RN, objects (September 25) to a computer announcing, "I am temporarily out of action", which he terms a "mistake of the Royal Navy from time to time by flags which signify, variously, 'I am in distress', 'I have lost my steering gear', or 'I have run aground'". Where is the difference?

Yours sincerely,
J. M. MEADE,
Manor Farm House,
Hedenham,
Bungay, Suffolk,
September 28.

ON THIS DAY

OCTOBER 2 1918
The German offensive in the Second Battle of the Marne was halted in mid-July and an Allied counter-attack during the second half of the month was successful. News reached Argentina more quickly than that country's reaction reached Britain.

ARGENTINE JOY AT ALLIED VICTORY.

(From Our Special Correspondent)
BUENOS AIRES, July 25.
When brought into contact with the everyday life of Buenos Aires, it is difficult to believe that one is breathing a neutral atmosphere. Allied flags are everywhere; practically the entire Press rejoices with open enthusiasm at the news of the Allied victory, and the Fourteenth of July was marked by a gigantic procession, which passed some grotesquely beflagged streets, and which occupied more than half an hour in passing a given point. Today there are Argentine girls in the streets of this capital selling flowers for the benefit of the Allied wounded. It is the use of the first experiments in the science of "flag-days", but it may be taken for granted that it will not be the last.

When the news first arrived here of the dramatic turn of fortune on the Marne and the rolling back of the Hun forces I was walking down the Calle Florida, the principal street of Buenos Aires. Newspaper boys were shouting the latest developments with enthusiasm, and at a corner of the street the events were being chalked up on a large blackboard. It might have been a victory for the Argentine cause. As a matter of fact, every Argentine in that crowded street — and with sufficiently good reason — was convinced on that point. They clapped each other on the back, and waved their hats, and on every side were faces that were quite honestly radiant.

It was only one of innumerable episodes of the kind. In Buenos Aires, at all events, it is difficult to realize that one is in the midst of a people who are officially neutral. This applies at all events, to the ethics of ordinary life and to the surface of the public existence. But the German is here. At odd spots his traces are discernible even above ground. His principal club, burned and gutted by a justly indignant crowd, has been rebuilt; here and there, but rarely, you may catch cautiously spoken phrases in German, and at three or four street-corners are the sellers of the German newspapers who draw out — one imagines shamefacedly — the words *Tageblatt* and *La Union*. They are heroic in a sordid fashion, for they suffer from a marked lack of popularity, and their voices persist with a fatigued sound. Nevertheless they are there, and they are to be reckoned with in the life of Buenos Aires.

WORKING LIKE A MOLE
In Buenos Aires — whatever may be the case in some of the outer provinces — there is very little more than this that meets the eye of the casual stroller through the streets. Nevertheless, the German is here in his thousands. He is working like a mole, and his energy is none the less great for being subterranean. His policy has two main ends — to obtain by hook or by crook those goods which the operation of the Black List is supposed to bar from his doors, and to destroy the internal communications of the country in the hope that the supplies of meat and grain may be prevented from leaving the Argentine shores, and thus fail to reach the depots of the Allies in Europe.

In the former endeavour it is necessary for the German to employ a certain number of neutral agents, the goods passing from one hand to another until it is reasonable to suppose that their tracks have been lost by those bona-fide British and neutral firms to whom the goods were consigned in the first instance. That the attempts have been fairly successful is attested by the regrettable fact that many of the German warehouses that in theory should be empty are only too amply stocked with the goods that enable them to continue their businesses in being. Against this it must be said that the net is being drawn tighter, and that the difficulties in smuggling goods through its meshes are steadily increasing.

Without fire
From Mr A. E. Day
Sir, Travelling Inter-City Manchester to London in a crowded "smoking" compartment I noticed nobody lit up or puffed away during the entire journey.

Is this (a) a record, (b) becoming increasingly normal, (c) too slight a statistical base from which to draw conclusions?

Yours etc.,
A. E. DAY,
Manchester Polytechnic,
Faculty of Community Studies,
Department of Library and Information Studies,
All Saints, Manchester,
September 25.

Taking it literally
From Mr A.D. Main
Sir, In a London bus today I saw a poster stating "Graffiti is vandalism — vandalism is a crime". I wanted to cross out the first "is" and write "are"; should I have?

Yours faithfully,
ALEX MAIN,
8 Caldecote Road,
Stilton,
Peterborough, Cambridgeshire,
September 25.

COURT AND SOCIAL

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BALMORAL CASTLE. October 1: Lady Abel Smith has succeeded the Hon Mary Morrison as Lady in Waiting to the Queen.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE. October 1: The Princess Anne, Her Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of the Queen's Flight, was attended by Lt-Col Sir Simon Bland.

A memorial service for Sir Robert Lancaster will be held at St Paul's, Covent Garden, at noon today.

A memorial service for Dame Adelaide Doughty will be held at St Paul's, Covent Garden, at noon today.

A memorial service for Captain R.E.D. Ryder, VC, RN, will be held at Holy Trinity, Prince Consort Road, Kensington, at 2 p.m. today.

A funeral service for Elizabeth, Viscountess Cobham will be held at the parish church of St Peter, Budleigh Salterton, at 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 4.

Board of Deputies of British Jews. Dr Lionel Kopelovitz, President of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, and the honorary officers were hosts at a luncheon yesterday in honour of Dr R.M.W. Rickett.

Luncheons. Lord Mischon and Lady Mischon and Mrs John Wickerson gave a luncheon at the House of Lords yesterday in honour of representatives of European, American and Canadian bars and law societies.

Science report Proof likely of gravity wave

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

There is a rekindling of excitement among astronomers in the possibility of detecting gravity waves from the collapse of a star within our own galaxy or some even more catastrophic event in the cosmos.

Birthdays today

Marshall of the RAF Sir Dermot Boyle, 82; Lord Davies, 64; Lord Justice Dillon, 61; Mr Peter Frank, 51; Mr Robert Runcie, 65; Mr John Russell, 72; Mr Justice Scott, 52; Vice-Admiral Sir Anthony Tippet, 58; Lord Todd, OM, 79; Mr Lloyd Turner, 48; Air Marshal Sir Geoffrey Tuttle, 67; Professor J.H. Whitford, 80; Lieutenant-Colonel E.C.T. Wilson, VC, 74.

Judges' Service

The Lord Chancellor read the lesson at the annual Judges' Service held in Westminster Abbey yesterday to mark the opening of the Michaelmas sittings. The Dean of Westminster officiated.

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Forthcoming marriages

Mr R.A.R. Boyle and Miss E.M. Ramsay. The engagement is announced between Robert Boyle, Irish Guards, elder son of Captain Michael and Lady Nell Boyle, of Ashle, Basingstoke, and Fiona, youngest daughter of Colonel George Ramsay, of the Old School House, The Square, Elham, Kent, and Mrs J.R. Anderson, of Lodge Farm, Shaftesbury, Dorset.

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OBITUARY LORD KALDOR

Economist with strong political commitment



Lord Kaldor, FBA, the economist who was special adviser to Labour administrations in the 1960s and 1970s, died on September 30. He was 78.

He was one of the brightest in the Cambridge constellation of post-Keynesian economists, and throughout his working life he fought against the American neo-classical school, which was undermining what he regarded as the true Keynesian tradition.

But his outlook was not merely defensive. He made an important original contribution, for instance to the theory of capital and the theory of distribution. Yet he was far from being a detached student and expositor. His economics were informed by a strong sense of political purpose, and much of his career was devoted to trying, with varying success, to apply his theories in the real world.

Whether as teacher, academic colleague or temporary civil servant, he had the great quality of treating everyone alike and arguing every point on its merits. He could annoy and irritate, but most people ended by feeling affection for him.

Though he was exceptionally well informed, there was some mystery about the sources of his information, because he did not appear to acquire it by reading. He knew the journals. He had a remarkable sense of the meaning of figures, without ever learning mathematics.

He also had a considerable general culture, which was most apparent when he was in female company. His appetites were strong and conspicuous. His capacity for sleep was extraordinary. He could go to sleep at any time of day and in any company - during a convivial social occasion or a meeting of permanent secretaries - and wake up at a crucial moment, which might be the moment his name was mentioned.

Nicolai Kaldor was born in Budapest on May 12, 1908, the son of a successful lawyer. Despite his father's wish that he should follow him in the law, he went to Berlin to read economics.

But he disliked the place and in 1927, while visiting London, he enrolled at the London School of Economics. His talent was quickly noticed by Lionel (later Lord) Robbins, then a lecturer at LSE.

for Europe. Those were the days when the ECE's annual reports were looked forward to, and when it was the one body where representatives of countries on both sides of the Iron Curtain worked in co-operation.

Kaldor returned to academic life in 1949, having been appointed to a Fellowship at King's College, Cambridge. Three years later he was elected to a Readership and was, in 1966, awarded a personal Chair in Economics, which he held until he reached the retiring age in 1975.

He had, in 1963, been elected a Fellow of the British Academy. In 1970 he acted as president of the Economics Section of the British Association, and from 1974 to 1976 he was president of the Royal Economic Society. In 1970 he was made an Honorary Fellow of the London School of Economics.

But he was seldom for long confined to the ivory tower. He served on the Royal Commission for Taxation from 1951 to 1955. The following year he published proposals for tax reform in India, and over the next few years he acted as economic or fiscal adviser to a whole series of countries, including Ceylon, Mexico, Ghana and Turkey.

From 1964 to 1968, Kaldor worked as Special Adviser to the Chancellor of the Exchequer. In this capacity, his effectiveness as a lucid and reasonable advocate on committees quickly won him respect and influence among the civil servants.

He was the originator of Selective Employment Tax which was designed to encourage the transfer of resources from service industries to production for export, but which turned out as well to be a very fruitful new channel of funds to the Exchequer. He was also the effective originator of Capital Gains Tax.

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In 1934 he married Clariss Goldschmidt, and their homes in London and Cambridge were not only the centres of a most affectionate family life, but also extended a welcome to economists and other scholars from all over the world. There were four daughters of the marriage.

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MR LAURIER LISTER

Mr Laurier Lister, OBE, actor, author, theatrical director and manager, died on September 30. He was 79.

He will be chiefly remembered for his time at the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre, Guildford, where, as director and administrator from 1964 to 1975, he found outlet not only for his keen artistic sense, but also for his considerable business flair.

Laurier Lister was born at Sanderstead, Surrey, on April 22, 1907, and educated at Dulwich College. He trained as an actor at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art and made his first appearance on the stage at the Globe Theatre in 1925.

The following year he appeared in Noel Coward's *Easy Virtue* at the Duke of York's before joining the Bristol Repertory Company and then the Stratford-upon-Avon Festival Company.

It was in 1933, while still pursuing an acting career, that Lister wrote, with Dorothy Massingham, his first play, *The Soldier and the Gentlewoman*. There followed *When the Bough Breaks* and *The Tree*, both written in collaboration with Henrietta Leslie.

Mr Brian Desmond Hurst, the Irish-born film director who had a long career in the British cinema, died in London on September 26. He was 91.

His best-known picture was the romantic melodrama *Dangerous Moonlight*, made in 1941 and starring Anton Walbrook as a Polish pianist who loses his memory after the Battle of Britain. A big popular success, the film featured Richard Addinsell's Warsaw Concerto and launched a cycle of pictures with concert as their theme music.

After the war, in which he served in the RAF, he devised, directed and produced a series of highly successful revues, with such artists as Joyce Grenfell, Elizabeth Welch, Desmond Walter-Elis, and the authors and composers Flanders and Swann and Richard Adinsell.

Tuppence Coloured (1947) was followed two years later by *Oranges and Lemons* - which included the early work of author Sandy Wilson - while *Penny Plain* (1951) preceded his production of three revues by Flanders and Swann: *Airs on a Shoestring* (1953); *Pav the Piper* (1954); and *Fresh Airs* (1956).

In 1958, Lister became artistic director of Laurence Olivier's play producing company. Here, he was responsible for several important productions, including *One More River*; while later, in his individual capacity, he presented a number of solo artists, among them Joyce Grenfell, Max Adrian and Emyln Williams.

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Television Away in Jungles

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He returned to Second World War themes in *The Malta Story* (1953), which starred Alec Guinness, and four years later tried historical romance with *Dangerous Liaison*, featuring the French actor, Louis Jourdan. In 1962, he wrote and directed a successful version of *J. M. Synge's* play *The Playboy of the Western World*. He never married.

He returned to Ireland in 1933 to direct two low-budget pictures, *Tell Tale Heart* and *Riders of the Sea*. These helped to give him a reputation in the industry and he came to England, where he was put under contract by Associated British Studios at Elstree.

An early success was *Gladiator* (1937), an adaptation of the Ivor Novello musical, and on the outbreak of war he joined two other leading directors, Michael Powell and Adrian Brunel, to

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Television
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Watching the first part of E.F. Benson's *Paying Guests* (BBC2) was like finding oneself on the set of an interminable game of Cluedo. By the close, one slightly wanted to handle everyone into the conservatory, turn out the light and plunge in after them, armed with the murderous teeth, with lead pipe, revolver, rope and candlestick.

Produced by Rosemary Hill, and purporting to be a tale of middle-aged love amongst the monkey-puzzles, Thomas Ellice's adaptation created like the hip-joints of those convalescing at the Westworth Guest House. They numbered the hypochondriac Mr Kemp, who first felt the twinge on March 3, 1920; the bicycle freak Colonel Chase (played a shade too bullishly by Robert Hardy); the piano-playing watercolourist Miss Howard (played by her of the permanently beautiful grin, Angela Thorne); and a couple who snorted sinisterly over their triangles of toast.

Apart from a bedside sequence between Mr Kemp and his eriolated daughter, and Colonel Chase's rendition of his life in the jungle, this was a plain tale that pinked along with no particular charm or wit.

When in 1914 John Williamson showed *Under the Sea* by Photophone on Broadway, the critics "exploded in praise" at the first motion pictures ever taken of the ocean floor. Today, this world of "blue depths" — as his hyperbolic commentary had it — seems curiously uninteresting. Shot in the Bahamas, where monsters roam in the icy darkness, the footage of parrot fish and corals included in *Travellers in Time* (BBC2) failed to convey what a deep thrill this must have been. Much more interesting, sociologically, were the pictures of Williamson's wife typing away at the bottom of a 100-foot tube and his tiny daughter waving through the glass at a negro diver. Other choice moments were the capture of a shark, and the sight of two men staggering through "the gripping ooze" in primitive diving suits.

Nicholas Shakespeare

THE NEW MEN AT COVENT GARDEN: Anthony Dowell, artistic director of the Royal Ballet, tells John Percival of his hopes and plans for the future
Getting back to the great tradition

When the Royal Ballet opens its new season at Covent Garden on Wednesday, with Anthony Dowell in charge as director, it will be the third major British dance company to have changed its leadership within two years. Peter Schaufuss brought about a quick change in London Festival Ballet's personnel, touring schedules and programmes. Richard Alston transformed Ballet Rambert's repertory even more quickly. By contrast, there is no change of policy readily apparent in the season's prospectus at Covent Garden, rather a shift of emphasis which might grow more obvious if continued in future years.

Dowell readily agreed when I suggested that was so. "Of course I inherited some commitments, planned well ahead. It takes a long time to make changes in an organization as big as this," he said — and then, with a twinkle in his eye, added: "Even if I wanted to."

He is a child of the Royal Ballet, brought up in its school, spending almost all his dancing career with the company except for a brief sojourn with American Ballet Theatre. And his approach to his new responsibilities draws on his experience. Consequently, he says, "There were certain things I wanted to restore. I was eager to get back some of Ashton's ballets that had not been given lately, and I am very happy that he has agreed to *La Faise* and *Symphonic Variations*" (The former is to be given on opening night, the other follows 10 days later.)

Dowell has also persuaded Jerome Robbins to revive *The Concert* and to give the company another of his works, the Shostakovich *Opus 19*, subtitled *The Dreamer* since New York City Ballet showed it at Covent Garden in 1979. That is not the end of Dowell's hopes in this area, having himself experienced the stimulus that Robbins's exigent working methods can bring to a dancer. "I wanted to get back some of the Balanchine repertory too, and had discussions with people in New York about this, but there wasn't a healthy slot for rehearsals, this season so we have postponed it. The Royal Ballet's commitments to touring are a complication in scheduling new productions."

Dowell is reluctant to say anything yet about another major work from the Royal Ballet's past which he is already trying to bring back into the repertory, perhaps next season. He also has new ballets to offer this season by the company's own choreographers, notably David Bintley, who has just been appointed resident choreographer, and in the longer term another three-act ballet by Kenneth MacMillan. However, his own attention at



Photograph of Anthony Dowell by Ross Drinkwater

present is concentrated on *Swan Lake*, to be given a new production in March. Why has he chosen to direct it himself? "I have danced in a lot of different productions, and I am conscious of the changes that have been made, especially of the way the music has been altered to fit different needs. We want to try to do justice to Tchaikovsky. No, we are not going back to his original thoughts, but to the 1895 production in St Petersburg, which has always been the basis of the Royal Ballet's productions. Professor Wiley has unearthed a lot of evidence about what it was like.

"There are detailed notes for all except a couple of the dances. One of those is the waltz in the first act, where there are only floor patterns. But we know that in the waltz the dancers moved stools about the stage and used them to form groups. We know, for instance, that the men stood on them here, the women there. As the dance is lost, I thought of asking someone to re-create something using the original patterns, but then I thought a choreographer might find that restrictive. So, with my experience of putting steps together in different contexts, I thought I might try to do it myself."

He is introducing a newcomer to the ranks of principal dancers this season, Cynthia Harvey, whom Dowell partnered with American Ballet Theatre. And there will still be guest stars when the opportunity arises. But chiefly Dowell is looking to his own resources. A quiet, thoughtful man, he looks back on his own dancing days and is conscious of good fortune in getting new and standard roles, of the happy timing of his American experience and of the importance of pattern, order, the right opportunity at the right time. Now he is the one who must plan that for others, the one they look to for guidance. He is thankful to have had two transitional years as associate director, finding out just what the job entails.

I asked whether he could sum up his hopes for the company in one sentence. Reflectively, he replied: "I was at the barre in class the other day. I looked at the young boys from the school and thought: there's some good stuff here." His warm smile added that he intends to make the best he can of it.

The classics, Dowell insists, will remain one of the foundations of the Royal Ballet's repertory. "Audiences want them, and they are important for the dancers too." But he is conscious that dancers also need new works, to know the satisfaction of "something created on your own body, where you can play a part in its creation."

Will he be looking for any other outside choreographers? "I want to travel and see what other companies are doing, but first I have to watch our own dancers. When somebody is doing a new role I must be there, or they can complain 'You didn't even see what I could do.'" He makes no secret that standards are his chief concern. At the school, and in his early days in the company, he experienced a discipline and concentration which he found beneficial to his development. "We are living in a different world, but I have to find a way to pass on what I learnt and give all the dancers pride in their work."



The Dauphine's inner chamber in its new guise

Charlotte Mosley reports from Versailles on the restoration of 'the world's most magnificent royal residence'

Purist perfection

In June this year a new suite of rooms was inaugurated at Versailles to coincide with the retirement of the curator, Pierre Lemoine. Four months later his post has yet to be filled. This is a difficult job in a country where historic and artistic passions run high. Many violent quarrels have taken place just where art and politics intersect. The debate about the Eiffel Tower, the Right Bank expressway and, more recently, the Buren Columns at the Palais Royale spring to mind. The job of chief curator at Versailles is as politically loaded as any in France. This no doubt accounts for the delay in naming a successor.

In the meantime, the legacy of Lemoine's term of office can be seen in the redecorated rooms. If your last visit to Versailles left you grieved with rich hangings, carvings and gilding, then these rooms will revive your appetite for the French 18th century. After eight years' patient restoration and the expense of some £10 million, 38 rooms of the ground floor of the oldest part of the chateau have been put back to what they were in 1789 when the royal family left the palace for ever.

The inauguration took place with all the pomp and ceremony and huge crowds that befit the world's most magnificent royal residence, but it has had relatively little attention from the French Press. The opening of a suite of rooms at Fontainebleau at the same time received wide coverage while Versailles seemed to have passed almost unnoticed. This is partly because the rooms concerned were not designed for the sovereign but for his children and grandchildren: the Dauphine and Dauphine, Madame Adelaide, Madame Victoire and Marie-Antoinette. The décor is not therefore as sumptuous as in the King's and Queen's apartments.

There has been a shift away from the spectacular and theatrical re-creation of a décor for some of the greatest events in French history to a purist, more art-historical reconstruction of the past. This is reflected in the new rooms. The furniture is of the highest quality, often commissioned for the chateau itself. This leaves some of the rooms rather bare, but no doubt they will be filled over the years and chandeliers will be found for the many hooks waiting tantalizingly on the ceilings — sometimes six in a room. The paintings and furniture are immaculately la-

belled and follow the chronology of the rooms. Thus the visit begins with a delightful portrait of Louis XIV as a child by Rigaud and ends with Madame Vigée-Le-Brun's famous portrait of Marie-Antoinette. The most important of the recent restorations was the raising of the level of the marble courtyard around which the newly opened rooms radiate. In the 1830s, when Versailles became a museum under Louis-Philippe, the courtyard and the rooms around it were lowered to the same level as the rooms giving on to the garden on the other side. This was because the chateau has no foundations and was suffering from damp. The damp may have been cured, but at the cost of distorting the proportions of the rooms and distorting the exquisite brick and stone facade; the columns were left floating unessentially some three feet above the courtyard.

There is only one area where the 18th-century chronology has not been respected: Madame Sophie's apartment which occupied the central section remains unrestored. Instead a long stone gallery designed by Le Vau in 1669 which lies directly below the Hall of Mirrors has been rebuilt. This was a bold piece of restoration since little remained of the gallery after Louis XV and Louis-Philippe's various transformations. Above the doors in the east walls traces of a stone carving have been uncovered. The spirit of the purist has rightly prevented any attempt at re-creating the carving, but over the opposite doors, where there would have been a matching motif, its outline has been suggested by stone blocks. These look like bad Mexican sculpture and the overdoors would have been better left bare.

It will be interesting to see whether the next curator will continue to take a purist approach to the never-ending task of restoration, or whether there will be a swing back to the more flamboyant style of Gerald van der Kemp, curator until 1980. Whatever happens is likely to be controversial, as Mme Hoog, curator of sculpture, knows to her cost. She would dearly like to see the absurd equestrian statue of Louis XIV in the royal courtyard removed. But all attempts to get rid of the monument of majesty sitting on a horse the size of a Shetland pony have met with threatening letters and outraged telephone calls.

Opera: Welsh National in London, Scottish, English National
Descriptive power

Siegfried
Covent Garden/
Radio 3

With Welsh National Opera's *Ring* now three-quarters past, it is appropriate to consider more carefully the achievement of the conductor Richard Armstrong and the WNO orchestra. A solid, professional achievement it certainly is, too; there have been few lapses in intonation or ensemble, and the brass solo work has been particularly secure.

Conductor and players have seemed happiest when required to apply raw musical vigour for descriptive ends. The giants' entry, the killing of Siegmund, the re-forging of Nothung: all these have inspired powerful playing, and in *Siegfried* the same quality of naturalistic flair was Wagner's wonderfully lugubrious evocation of thick forest gloom — unfortunately not accompanied by so much as a single symbolic twig on stage), the woodbird's calls and the hero's exuberant horn fanfare.

What was still more pleasing in *Siegfried*, however, was Armstrong's increasingly confident shaping of the music when it depicts inner emotions rather than external pictorialism. The Act I Wotan/Mime confrontation

still displayed less than vivid musical differentiation between the two characters. But Armstrong's pacing of Act III — from a magnificently gutsy prelude, right through to Wotan's turbulent summons to Erda, and into his clash with Siegfried — was just right. Perhaps it is not coincidence that Philip Joll (Wotan) produced easily his most imposing, characterful singing so far for this crucial stretch, in which he was matched by Anne Collins's splendid Erda, slithering worm-like across the floor but mightily firm-bodied in voice.

The stage action continues to be hampered by Carl Friedrich Oberle's cumbersome, ugly sets. Here the fashion was for great cardboard rock-faces and massive promontories which the characters climbed or descended, presumably to demonstrate who had psychological superiority over whom at any given moment. This turned the Siegfried/Brinnhilde meeting into a disconcertingly complex exercise in logistics. On the other hand, Göran Järvefelt's production remains for long periods an unpretentious piece of story-telling enlivened by a neat and direct way of handling the big set-pieces. Coupled with Andrew Porter's English translation, it made for a *Siegfried* of unusually comprehensible motivation and plot. Its slightly naive quality



Jeffrey Lawton's flinging innocence as Siegfried

also suited Jeffrey Lawton's impatient, wild-boy portrayal of the title-role. There was an uncomplicated revolutionary excitement about his forging of the sword and about his insouciant gesture of flinging gold-dust over his vanquished elders, matched by a heroic strength of vocal tone that only lacks a complementary lyrical ardour. There is something a little studied and unnatural about his head-voice, brought out for his musings about mother. His dialogue with the woodbird (here sung with piping penetration by a boy in the Simon Pike) was treated winningly like a huge joke, and his casual tossing of the ring in the air at Act II's conclusion, like a lad playing catch, nicely sym-

bolized his total innocence of his murky past. John Harris's Mime needed to be less of an old rascal, more of a real nasty — otherwise Siegfried becomes the nasty for killing him. But his delivery was incisive, as was Nicholas Folwell's dark-voiced Alberich, whose voice was better focused than in *Ringold*. John Tranter sang Fafner well, though the dragon did seem to offer himself for the kill rather easily. It had been announced that Anne Evans was ill, but one would never have known, so tenderly and vibrantly did this Brinnhilde greet the sunrise and her awakening love.

Richard Morrison

Madam Butterfly
Coliseum

Graham Vick's split-level production of *Madam Butterfly* still has a lot going for it. As the new *Mikado* has shown, Stefano Lazaridis as designer needs only a sniff of Japan to trigger his imagination. He has provided a set whose symbolic display answers perfectly, and rather more gracefully, Puccini's aural signposting of the translucent shadow-play of white, ritual Japan above, and the murky corporeality of western reality below.

With its fast-moving screens, constantly opening, closing and disclosing, this is the sort of artifice which works cleverly enough as the decorative veneer of a performance of musical and dramatic substance. So it was in its first two years. Now its tendency to the simplistic and its inherent over-busyness do seem intrusive, and I fear it is because there is simply not enough to bear it up elsewhere.

Its stylishness is blunted, possibly due to the fact that Mr Vick has not been around this time to supervise the staging. What worries me more, though, is the lack of discrimination in the pit: Michael Lloyd is too content to follow rather than lead, and too often it is the score, rather than the singers, which follows. As a result the orchestra plays at an even, albeit robust, level throughout, supporting the cast sturdily rather than searchingly.

And this cast does need that sort of help. Rosamund Lilling, from Australia, makes her house debut as the new Butterfly. The voice has all the decibels, but hard, glottal vowels at the start of a word, and an ungainly brittleness of inflexion, do little either for Puccini's meticulously tapered phrasing or for the intense vulnerability of the character. Where the orchestra too often fails her, David Rendall, returning as Pinkerton, offers robust support. His is a Pinkerton with little more passion than this Butterfly has charm; but the role is honestly thought through and capably, often potently, sung. Support, too, is there in Anne-Marie Owens's maternally Suzuki and, obliquely, in Rodney Macann's Sharpless. He paces his part well enough; with furrowed brow he looks ill at ease with the whole business.

Hilary Finch

Theatre
Nicolson Fights
Croydon
Offstage Downstairs

Simon Callow seems to be cornering the market in directing short one-man plays about literary figures of the mid-century: last month in Edinburgh he gave a piece about David Gascoyne, which in my view did not work at all; here, rather more successfully, he recalls a curious episode in the career of Harold Nicolson, writer, wit, diplomat, etc., etc.

Of course, Nicolson's entire life was a curiosity (to himself as much as to others); there was surely a perverse logic in this former independent MP of an almost rococo sensibility contesting Croydon ("a bloody place... my family do what they can through the Red Cross") for the Labour Party in the grim spring of 1948. The script offers little by way of explanation of motive, beyond the predictable notions of honour and integrity seasoned with a genuine concern for the plight of the poor. One is left feeling that Angus Mackay's otherwise attentive impersonation of this urbane dilettante misses a crucial note of larkiness.

We meet Nicolson on his return from a rare dinner at the Travellers' Club to the cold hotel room where Herbert Morrison has insisted he put up. In the course of writing letters, opening review copies, making Ovaltine on his Baby Belling and elaborately preparing for bed, he delivers a series of observations on the absurdities of the election campaign, stitched together with anecdotes from his enviably rich life which consort uneasily with his present situation.

These are the usual stuff about trying to get conversational change out of James Joyce or recommending the names of English duchesses to that hyper-snob Proust, and are delivered directly to the house. The effect is mostly monotonous and manages to degrade the pellucid excellence of Nicolson's prose, which does not thrive on this piecemeal treatment. And the fundamental question raised by all stage monologues — "Why is he telling us all this?" — remains unanswered. It is only in the closing minutes, when he reaffirms his touching devotion to the absent Vita Sackville-West, that the thing achieves a measure of pathos and tenderness.

Martin Cropper

Carmen
Theatre Royal,
Glasgow

We are rather a long way from the Mediterranean in Graham Vick's new production of *Carmen* for Scottish Opera. There is no scenery: only a forbidding great square of chairs around a platform of bare boards. Even the costumes, by Michael Yeargan, are uneventful; and, though a performance of passion might well be given within this

austerity, here the flame of the work burns steadily and low.

The frequent use of the revolve and the excessively choreographed movement makes this a production of posed tableaux, while the staging of highly charged dialogues as sit-down chats, not least in the final act, looks like a willful avoidance of the issue. This is a production without the utterly necessary qualities of sharpness and risk, a production that is desperately undersexed.

Its closest approach to sensuality, bizarrely enough,

is in the powerful plaintiveness of Jane Leslie MacKenzie as Micaëla. Sergei Leiferkus cannot be blamed for the odd effect of a Russian matador, but there is also a lack of thrill and finish in his voice that keeps his Escamillo sturdily. Gary Bachlund as Don José suggests much more the innocent abroad than the man inflamed. He has kept the blond locks of his Parsifal, and vocally too he seems to be fighting at the wrong weight.

The Carmen is Emily Golden, who like Mr Bachlund is making her British debut. She is a graduate from the Peter Brook version, but that hardly shows until her death. Before that point she acts with a flatness that gives the impression of peevishness or boredom rather than steaming inner depths, and her singing needs more bite and colour too. But possibly this nonchalant interpretation comes partly from the producer, for it is certainly of a piece with the rest of what goes on.

Paul Griffiths

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British Gas offers users £250 stake in £5.5bn sale

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

More than 16 million British Gas customers will be offered the guaranteed right to buy at least £250-worth of shares in the biggest stock market flotation so far. Two million potential investors have already made firm inquiries about how they can buy the shares - more than the number of share applications for British Telecom.

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Go-ahead for £300m field

By Our Energy Correspondent

The Government has given British Gas approval to develop its South Morcambe gas field at a cost of £300 million. Most of the money will be spent in British offshore construction yards. Two production platforms and a pipeline system will be needed.

Government overrides Exchange's objections

By Lawrence Lever

Mr Michael Howard, Minister for Consumer and Corporate Affairs, yesterday swept aside the Stock Exchange's objections to an industry-wide compensation scheme for investors who suffer from the insolvency or fraud of an investment business.

Maxwell declares 5.9% stake

By Alison Eadie

The battle for the printing and publishing company, McCormac, became a four-cornered affair yesterday when Mr Robert Maxwell, publisher of the Daily Mirror, announced he had acquired a 5.9 per cent stake.



Mr Alan Sugar, Amstrad's chairman, yesterday with the IBM-compatible computer. (Photograph: James Gray)

Amstrad computer tops £100m sales

By John Bell, City Editor

In the four weeks since its launch, Amstrad's IBM-compatible range of business computers has achieved sales worth £100 million or more. The new product, which takes the company into direct competition with the world's biggest computer manufacturer, is another success for Amstrad and its founder, Mr Alan Sugar.

Tensions remain over dollar

From Bailey Morris and David Smith, Washington

At yesterday's session of the International Monetary Fund meeting, the big economies failed to agree to stabilize the dollar through systematic intervention in the foreign exchange market. The tension between Germany and the United States on the dollar question remains.

New \$6bn loan for Mexico

Mexico and its creditor banks have reached agreement on a new \$6 billion (£4.16 billion) loan package following tortuous negotiations in which Mr Paul Volcker, the United States Federal Reserve Board chairman, personally intervened.

ILG joins the holiday battle

Mr Harry Goodman's International Leisure Group (ILG), best known for its Intasun subsidiary, made its bid yesterday to draw level with Thomson Holidays, Britain's biggest tour operator, as the price war intensified.

Buying your next house should be plain sailing. Advertisement for John Charcol Independent Mortgage Brokers, featuring an illustration of a sailboat.

Redland to pay \$317 million for American company

By Alexandra Jackson

Redland, the international building materials group, has entered into a conditional agreement to buy Genstar Stone, an aggregates company based in Maryland, for \$317.5 million (£220 million). Genstar is owned by Flintkote, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Canadian company, Inasco.

BA valued at £1bn

British Airways, due to be privatized early next year, could be sold on a stock market valuation of around £1,000 million, according to a study just published by the stockbrokers Phillips & Drew, who will be advising BA in the flotation.

Pressure eases over rates

Pressure for a rise in interest rates again eased yesterday in money markets. Three-month money in the interbank market closed around 10 7/16 per cent compared with 10 1/8 per cent at the previous close. At that level the gap between bank base rates and money market rates is regarded as tolerable for the time being.

Fosco drops

Fosco Minsep, the specialty chemicals group, yesterday reported pretax profits for the first six months of 1986 down 25 per cent from £17.7 million to £13.3 million. Turnover in the period fell from £294.7 million to £276.9 million. The interim dividend was maintained at £2.95p.

Abingworth up

Abingworth, the technology-oriented investment trust, made pretax profits of £504,061 in the year to June 30, against the previous £446,262. The company paid an unchanged annual dividend of 1.25p, while its net asset value per share declined from 286p to 277p.

Gibbs resigns

Frank Gibbs has resigned from the board of Northern Engineering Industries, which announced heavy job losses and a major restructuring on Tuesday. News Analysis, page 18.

MARKET SUMMARY

Table with columns: STOCK MARKETS (New York, Dow Jones, Tokyo, Nikkei Dow, Hong Kong, Hang Seng, Amsterdam Gen, Sydney AO, Frankfurt, Commerzbank, Brussels, General, Paris: CAC, Zurich, S&K General, Wall Street), INTEREST RATES (London, Bank Base, Federal Funds, 3-month eligible bills, buying rate, US, Prime Rate, Federal Funds, 3-month Treasury Bills, 30-year bonds), CURRENCIES (London, New York, DM, SF, FF, ECU), NORTH SEA OIL (Brent Oct).

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Barker & Dobson beats forecast

By Alison Eadie
Barker & Dobson, the Liverpool-based confectionery group headed by Mr John Fletcher, the former managing director of Asda, has beaten its forecast, turning in a pretax profit in the 28 weeks to July 11 of £481,000 compared with a previous loss of £7.5 million.

At the time of the £69.9 million rights issue in July, when Barker paid £80 million

for the 148-store Budge supermarket group, the company forecast interim profits of at least £400,000.

Trading profit was £826,000 against a loss of £6.4 million, with confectionery showing a £1.3 million turnaround. Lossmaking activities like the Lewis Meeson newagent chain, sold to Guinness, are no longer dragging down the group's profits.

Further investment is being

ploughed into the confectionery division. The interim advance showed the impact of the re-organization and the benefit of the acquisitions of James Keiller, the Dundee marmalade maker, and the candy division of Somportex.

Budge is being integrated with the group and steps are being taken to improve its profitability.

The company is trying to tidy up its sprawling share

register and shareholders with 5,000 or fewer shares are being offered the opportunity to sell their holdings free of dealing costs. One third of Barker's shareholders own fewer than 1,000 shares.

The offer is designed to save the company significant costs. The directors also intend to recommend the consolidation of the shares on the basis of one new 10p share for ten old 1p shares.

\$13m buy for Albert Fisher

By Lawrence Lever
Albert Fisher, the expansionist fruit and vegetable distributor, yesterday announced the purchase of an American food company for a maximum payment of \$13 million (£9 million).

Fisher is paying an initial \$4.5 million in cash and shares for Tavilla, an importer, wholesaler and distributor of fresh fruit and vegetables. The move follows Fisher's \$15 million purchase of Ziff, a Massachusetts paper and plastic cups distributor in December, and confirms its strategy of establishing a significant food and distribution business in the US.

Approximately two-thirds of Albert Fisher's profits in its February interim results came from its American operations.

Tavilla has net tangible assets of \$900,000 and a workforce of 103. It made pretax profits of \$370,000 after non-recurring expenditure in the first half of this year. It is warranting that profits are running at not less than \$900,000 a year.

Tavilla's operations and management will merge with Albert Fisher's Carnival Fruit subsidiary, also based in Miami, which sells fruit and vegetables.

Further payments of up to \$8.5 million for Tavilla, of which at least half will be in Albert Fisher shares, will be made depending on the profits of the combined group.

Future of NEI turbines awaits Sizewell verdict

British-built turbines are producing power in most parts of the world, in addition to pumping Russia's enormous gas reserves from Siberia to the European domestic markets. It is therefore ironic that the greatest threat to the British turbine-building industry should come from within Britain.

Britain's electricity supply industry is desperate to order new generating equipment, but its hands are tied until the Government rules on the outcome of the public inquiry into the proposed nuclear power station at Sizewell.

The inspectors' report into the issue, scheduled for delivery on Tuesday but which has suffered yet another delay, will be sent to Mr Peter Walker, the Energy Secretary, at the end of October.

Mr Walker will decide next spring at the earliest if the Central Electricity Generating Board (CEGB) can build the American-designed pressurized water-cooled reactor (PWR) on the Suffolk coast.

Mr Walker has a team of civil servants standing by to go through the report and recommendations clause by clause, so that a decision can be made as soon as possible.

Since the Chernobyl disaster public opinion has swung further against nuclear power and the Government will want to make sure every

safety-related issue raised at the two-year public inquiry is answered.

A vote in favour of the PWR would offer no instant help to Northern Engineering Industries because the turbine contract, worth around £100 million, will go to its arch-rival GEC.

The CEGB wants eventually to follow the Sizewell design with a family of up to six similar stations, but that does not necessarily mean

turbines for such stations.

A return to smaller power stations rather than a move to large coal-fired stations, which would run into planning application opposition problems, would also favour NEI. It has developed a package of boiler, generator and turbines to produce up to 100mw as opposed to the 1,000mw supplied by full-scale generator and turbine sets.

Such smaller power stations are expected to find favour in developing countries, where they can be built without the enormous infrastructure costs. No large-scale site work is required and fewer heavy-lift cranes are needed.

Whether such stations will ever be built in Britain will depend largely on government policy, and until the Sizewell issue has been resolved, the power engineering industry's management accepts that no firm projections can be made for the future.

Its order book has just been boosted by the finalization of a contract to supply two 985mw turbines for the Daya Bay nuclear power station in China.

The contract will provide the equivalent of 20,000 hours of work in the British industry, but the French will supply the bulk of the value of the contract.

David Young

COMPANY NEWS

● **MICROGEN HOLDINGS:** Agreement has been reached for the acquisition by Microgen's subsidiary in Sweden, Capella, of the assets and goodwill relating to the computer output microfilm business of Siffer Service based in Stockholm, for expected consideration of \$3.8 million (£1.05 million).

● **BAUMIA-REPOLA:** Preliminary agreements signed for the sale of sawmills and plywood mills in eastern Finland to Kymmene-Siroenberg Corp and Schumann.

● **RH MORLEY:** Dividend of 1.75p for year to March 31. Turnover £4.46 million (£2.69 million), pretax profit £23,887 (£161,146), eps 3.79p (£3.47p).

● **AGA AGA Gas:** Has acquired Glendale Welding Supply in Canton, Ohio. Glendale sales totalled \$3.2 million (£2.2 million) last year.

● **BIOMECHANICS INTERNATIONAL:** Six months to June 30. Turnover £109,927 (£107,670). Loss before tax, depreciation and amortization of goodwill £72,712 (£122,853). Loss for period £109,893 (£159,560). Loss per share 1.32p (£1.91p).

● **HAMPTON TRUST:** The company has exchanged contracts to acquire the freehold

interest in 14/22 Old Brompton Road and 5 Harrington Road, London SW7, and the 50-year leasehold interest in 2/12 Old Brompton Road and 1-10 Egerton Court, London SW7. Consideration to be satisfied by the issue of 3.6 million ordinary fully-paid shares. Properties valued at £1.75 million.

● **GOODHEAD PRINT GROUP:** Mr Colin Rosser, chairman, said at the annual meeting that the first quarter's trading had been most successful with profits well ahead of the corresponding period last year. Some of the operations have produced record results. Results after the acquisition of the 10 free newspaper titles have been beyond expectations, he said.

● **SHARNA WARE:** Orbro Cash and Carry, a wholly-owned subsidiary, has exchanged contracts for the sale of its cash-and-carry store based in Manchester for a consideration of £375,000 in cash.

● **PETROGEN PETROLEUM:** Year to February 28. Turnover \$73,540 (\$274,519), operating profit \$102,607 (\$191,739), loss \$1,897,998 (\$86,509 loss), loss per share 12.2c (0.5c).

● **DEFCORA:** No interim dividend (nil) for six months to June

30. Figures in £000. Turnover £6,529 (£5,933), gross profit £1,647 (£1,415), other operating income £1,388 (£1,129). Operating profit £2,125 (£1,829), profit before tax £740 (£672). Extraordinary pre-extraordinary items 3.5p (5.1p).

● **RACAL:** The company has signed 50,000 subscribers for its Vodafone cellular radio telephone service. Mr Gerry Wheat, the director in charge, said this "strengthens greatly the profit forecasts for cellular radio made in January". Racal's target for the year to the end of March was to have 60,000 subscribers.

● **CAPITAL AND COUNTRIES:** The company has bought out all other holders in Westamerica Properties. At July 31 last year when its property portfolio stood at \$90 million, Westamerica had net assets of \$50.3 million, or \$38.92 per share and in the year to that date made profits before tax and minority interests of \$1.8 million.

● **HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION:** The London and Marine Midland Bank Inc have restructured their ownership of the CM and M Group, a Marine Midland

subsidiary. Hong Kong and Shanghai, which is a 51 per cent shareholder in Marine Midland, now assumes a 51 per cent shareholding in CM and M.

● **AEROSPACE ENGINEERING:** The board has exchanged a conditional contract for the purchase of Greywater, the holding company of two wholly-owned subsidiaries - one trading and the other non-trading. Initial consideration is £2,500,000 in cash.

● **BROKEN HILL PROPERTIES:** BHP, through its wholly-owned subsidiary BHP Finance, has arranged a US\$100 million (£69.44 million) private placement of floating rate notes in the domestic market. The proceeds will be used for the general corporate requirements of the BHP group.

● **RTZ Sturge Bichemicals:** the wholly-owned subsidiary of RTZ Chemicals, is to invest £30 million in a new citric acid plant with on-site services. The plant is scheduled to begin production in 1989.

● **BRIDON:** Bridon and Fothergill & Harvey have announced that Bridon Composites has agreed to sell its carbon-fibre weaving and braiding operations to Fothergill for £400,000.

A decision on the PWR reactor expected next spring

GEC would provide all the turbines.

NEI would hopefully win a share of these orders, drawing on its experience in designing and bidding for PWR-related turbines in other markets, such as Taiwan. However, the company could win business even if the PWR is vetoed.

A slow down in the nuclear programme would mean the CEGB would have to introduce a programme quickly to expand its coal-fired power station network. A new generation of coal-fired stations is already on the CEGB drawing boards and NEI has been a traditional supplier of

Unigate expands in US

By Our City Staff
Unigate, the food and transport group, is buying Prufrock Restaurants in the United States for \$45 million (£31 million).

Prufrock owns 41 restaurants in Texas, Oklahoma

and Colorado, specializing in country cooking. Thirty six Prufrock restaurants, the name The Black-eyed Pea restaurants and the remaining five are called Dixie Houses.

Unigate operates 106 Mexican restaurants in the southern states, with its Casa Bonita chain of Taco Bueno fast-food outlets.

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Its last acquisition was Oldacre, the Gloucestershire animal feeds company, bought for £26 million in July.

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Cadbury buys
Cadbury Schweppes (South Africa), a subsidiary of the confectionery and soft drinks group, is paying R22.3 million (£7 million) for a South African foods company. The effect of the purchase will be to reduce Cadbury's stake in its South African subsidiary from 64.4 per cent to 53.1 per cent.



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ECONOMIC VIEW

Privatization provides a key flexibility to greater fiscal

By Rodney Lord

The spectacular success of the TSB issue was not unexpected, but it will serve as a useful warm-up for the weighty performance of British Gas next month.

Before the summer holidays there was briefly a fashion for questioning whether the privatization programme were running out of ammunition. Water privatization was postponed, the British Airways flotation grounded by legal problems and Royal Ordnance proved unseasonable for the time being.

The reality seems to be very different. Not only is BA now firmly back on the runway with other possibilities under consideration, but the total value of assets which the Government is committed to privatizing is approaching £25 billion.

In view of the Government's problems over public spending, this is just as well. At the end of the day a faster rate of privatization may prove to be one of the few ways of keeping the commitments on public spending at least nominally in line with the Government's commitment to fiscal prudence.

At present the numbers under discussion between the Treasury and spending departments in the annual public spending survey do not appear to add up.

In 1987-88, the first year of the three-year period under discussion, a sizeable reserve of £6.3 billion was built into the planned total of £143.9 billion agreed in the last survey.

This total was confirmed - at least as a target rather than as an unequivocal commitment - by the Cabinet in July.

But £3.2 billion of that reserve has already been allocated to increased provision for local authority current expenditure. That leaves a reserve of only £3.1 billion compared with £4.5 billion at the start of the present year.

There is some justification for having a smaller reserve this year. The larger reserves of recent years often included spending, such as local authority spending, which will not occur but was not prepared to allocate to programmes in advance if the spending is provided for in the programmes, then it does not have to come out of the reserve.

The trouble with this argument is that it is too familiar for comfort. Realism has frequently been said to have been introduced into the local authority figures. There was a large addition in provisions for the present year - and already council spending is running over.

And there is pressure from a number of other spending programmes apart from the local authorities.

Mr Kenneth Baker, the Education Secretary, is arguing strongly for additional funds to intervene in schools and colleges directly without the customary filtering through the town hall. In what is almost certainly an election year, there is an overwhelming political case for extra money for the health service.

These and other calls can only be accommodated either by raising more money or by cutting elsewhere. It would, for instance, be possible to reduce the nationalized industries' contribution to public spending by raising electricity prices rather than allowed for.

But Mr Peter Walker, the Energy Secretary, will not be slow to advance the political arguments against such action. With reducing inflation so important a part of the Government's record, it will be important to keep price rises to a minimum.

The feeling in financial markets appears to be that some reduction, but not too much, in the reserve would be tolerable.

Says Mr Gavyn Davies, UK economist with Goldman Sachs: "The market is not expecting the reserve to be at the £4-£5 billion level again, but it would worry if it dropped below £2½-£3 billion. It is expecting the public spending target to be exceeded in an election year."

Mr Giles Keating of Credit Suisse First Boston comments: "A lower degree of uncertainty over oil prices makes some reduction in the reserve reasonable. I think £3-£4 billion might be acceptable to the market, but there would be concern if it went as low as £1-2 billion."

Can the privatization programme be increased to square the books? Receipts from government assets sold are netted off the public spending totals on the argument that this is simply the reverse of new assets bought, so any increase in privatization helps to keep down public spending.

In the last survey the projected receipts were roughly doubled to £4½ billion in each year. With saleable assets worth up to £25 billion, it would be possible to increase the proceeds again.

Some modest shading upwards would do no more than recognize the higher level of receipts expected - both this year and in future years. But there are solid arguments against any larger increases.

The trick has been played before and is likely to be less effective. In any case, it is far from clear that privatization proceeds really should be scored as negative expenditure rather than money used to finance the Government's deficit.

An increase might well be viewed by the markets as simply a lightly concealed requirement in public spending and next year's borrowing requirements. Although, according to Mr Davies, "the markets would not view this as suspiciously as if the reserve were cut below £2½ billion".

Future privatization proceeds

	£billion
British Gas equity	6.0
British Gas loans	2.5
British Airways	1.0
British Airways	0.8
Holls-Royce	0.8
Water authorities	5.0
British Petroleum	3.8
Brit Telecom equity	5.4
Brit Telecom pref	0.8
Total	25.8



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COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

The TSB a hard act for British Gas to follow

The privatization production line moves on. The TSB cheques have barely been cashed, yet yesterday the Government was already encouraging British Gas customers to take their seats for the November flotation. An astonishing 2 million have already expressed interest.

Evidently, the TSB razzmatazz will have reminded millions who had forgotten about British Telecom that there is money to be made by ordinary people buying shares from the Government. But British Gas is a very different proposition.

Money is again being given away in terms of BT-style vouchers worth a discount of perhaps 8 per cent on the purchase price for small investors who prefer cash to bonus shares in three years' time. This is nowhere near the scale of giveaway in the TSB issue. There will be many more shares for sale - British Gas will be valued at the time of the issue at perhaps four times the TSB. And the threat of Labour renationalization (absent in the TSB issue) will come before the sale and must affect the demand for shares once dealings start.

Unless there is some dramatic change in the opinion polls in the next couple of months, City institutions are unlikely to bid up the price, even supposing they are unable to buy what they want at the flotation. Subject to public demand, it seems likely that big investors here and in the American and Japanese markets will be offered about half the issue, worth perhaps £2.7 billion. This is a lot of money even by institutional standards.

Ministers argue that Labour's threat, probably in the same form of non-voting participation certificates as at BT, might act as a form of political underwriting, taking away the risk of loss. This will not cut much ice with the small investor who is more interested in the certainty of profit.

Already, the Government, advised by NM Rothschild, is tawling over a wide area. The minimum subscription is 100 shares, priced at no more than £150. Gas consumers will have to put up well under £100 on the instalment plan. Sixteen million customers are being guaranteed £250 worth, which would come to £4 billion if all took up the offer.

If the prospect of instant profit is receding, British Gas shares will have to offer value for money if the issue is to be taken up. And that surely means a dividend yield of more than 7 per cent. Slightly under 6 per cent is currently available on BT shares, which would have much more growth potential than British Gas in the absence of Labour's takeover threat.

Gas shares will be harder to sell on that basis without an intervening base rate cut, let alone a rise. Perhaps the best selling point would be to compare the British Gas dividend yield with that available on index-linked gilt-edged stocks, which currently offer less than 4 per cent. But that will only wash if British Gas can manage to forecast a rise in profit, if not in value.

historic terms then on the management's preferred current cost accounting. The adjustments for the Government levy of £2.5 billion debt will suitably fog the figures. The TSB issue may conveniently fog the investors.

Valuing Airways

British Airways has its own special problems of valuation both for the City and for the army of private shareholders. Airlines currently form, but a tiny part of most major institutional portfolios, and there will be a good deal of flying along the learning curve, as fund managers familiarize themselves with the sector.

Major US airline stocks are heavily involved for the most part with domestic operations, and have suffered from the fierce competition that arose in the wake of de-regulation. Fares plummeted and profits crashed, giving way to a spate of defensive mergers.

With the takeover of People's Express by Texas Air, there may now be a period of stability, helped by the easing of competitive pressures and falling oil prices. US majors with a significant international presence, Pan Am and TWA, have both been through financial traumas and are regarded by Wall Street as high risk gambling counters.

BA is more comparable to the major European carriers such as Swissair, KLM and Lufthansa. These tend to have a wider spread of operations, and enjoy the swings and roundabouts of good routes and bad more than US domestic operators.

Nevertheless, even the Europeans can find their profits dominated by fluctuations in the dollar against other major currencies. Institutions are not likely to conclude that the quality of BA's earnings is of the very highest, with perhaps 30 per cent of its revenue arising in the the North and South American continents.

There are some appealing aspects which count in BA's favour. The share sale will take place against a background of sharply rising profits, according to a new study by BA's stockbroker, Phillips & Drew.

This year, the deadly combination of Chernobyl, the Libyan bombing raid and strong dollar produced barely a return from the plum North American routes, which previously accounted for up to 40 per cent of profits. Next year cannot help being better.

BA is also a stock which will offer institutions a play on the benefits of falling oil prices and, says P&D, may have attractions as probably the only airline major offering a reasonable yield.

On the broker's central forecasts, which value BA at around £1000 million, the shares could be sold at a cautious seven times earnings, to yield a handsome six per cent. Those ratings take care of most of the risks and should pave the way for a successful, if long overdue flotation.

Package holiday price war warms up

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

The price war in foreign package holidays goes on with a vengeance with all that implies for company profits and even survival.

The battle message was clear yesterday when Mr Harry Goodman's International Leisure Group (ILG) followed Thomson Holidays' lead in bringing out the first benchmark brochures for next summer.

Thomson, the market leader, and ILG - best known for its Intasun subsidiary - are the biggest operators, between them accounting for nearly half the summer market in foreign package holidays.

They are fighting with much increased capacity to seize an even bigger share of a market which many believe will grow further next year as the promotional pace heats up.

So longer travel, the third biggest tour operator, its chairman is Mr Bruce Tanner - intends to show its hand next week with a brochure, but yesterday made clear it would pursue its policy of matching Thomson prices for similar holidays.

Others in the mainstream market are expected to be dragged along in the big three's slipstream even though many in the industry believe that only high volumes offer

the chance of even reasonable profit margins. Smaller operators with specialist products are seen to be safe in this battle, because their holidaymakers are willing to pay the higher price needed for a smaller operation to survive.

Already bargains are being handied. Horizon has a special promotion of a thousand holidays at 1966 prices, beginning at £53 for 14 nights in Majorca.

Thomas Cook, the biggest retail agency chain, has cut holiday deposits to £10 from the £40 or more called for by tour operators. Cook is subsidizing the lower deposit.

This move almost certainly signals more special offers from retail agents which, after a Monopolies and Mergers Commission investigation, are no longer restricted on such promotions.

The big retail multiples, which also include Lunn Poly (part of Thomson Travel), Pickfords, Hogg Robinson and A T Mays, will be best placed in this particular battle, threatening the survival of smaller agents.

It was Thomson which began the price war this summer by slashing price levels by nearly a fifth, turning 1986 into a boom year when foreign



Mr Harry Goodman - a bigger market share.

holidays are estimated by Thomson to have gone up at least 20 per cent to about 7.3 million. The rise could turn out to be nearer 25 per cent.

At least 1.25 million more Britons have gone abroad, lured by giveaway offers like £25 holidays and then by prices which brought the average cost of a foreign package down from £300 in 1985 to £250 this summer.

Thomson has kept its average price for 1987 at £250. Of 2.25 million holidays so far on offer (it is carrying about 2 million holidaymakers this summer, double that of last year) 750,000 are held at the 1986 price or reduced, 750,000 are in a category where some prices are increasing (some by

as much as 10 per cent in holidays based at four and five-star hotels), and as many again are holidays maintained at budget prices by using simple accommodation and self-catering.

ILG expects to double its self-catering capacity to around 800,000 holidays, because this keeps down the cost of holidays. Across the group it expects prices to stay steady compared with this summer, with various areas showing price reductions.

Mr Paul Brett, managing director of Thomson Holidays, says that he is satisfied with the Thomson profit performance this year. It appears likely that profit margins next summer will not rise above the 1986 level.

At ILG Mr Goodman said: "I would look for margins next year as good as, if not slightly better than, the current year, where profits are substantially up."

Thomson and ILG are claiming high load factors in usage of aircraft this summer, running at 96 per cent or even more. This is a crucial factor in achieving profitability.

Mr Brett said: "We are hoping to improve market share further next year and to achieve further economies of scale." Computerized booking efficiency gains are claimed by both Thomson and ILG.

Payment late

Dome Petroleum said a payment of about \$400,000 was not made as scheduled to Bayerische Landesbank. The German bank had not given a waiver, but waivers had been obtained on three other loan facilities, on which default would have been triggered by non-payment.

Mr Brett issued this warning: "There will be growth next year but it will be less than this past summer, and so the going will be tougher." Mr Goodman thinks the same, forecasting a most growth of about 5 per cent. He, too, is looking to seize a bigger market share.

Mr Brett sees more mergers in the industry as the only way for some companies to survive.

What does seem clear is that there is unlikely to be a repeat of the immense market growth seen this summer which found late bookers mopping up even higher-priced offerings, and so halting out lesser tour operators. It means 1987 could be the year of reckoning.

TVS pay loan

Television South will repay its £420 million secured loan stock for 1986-87 at par on December 31.

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

Reinhold invests in Britain

Mr Anders Lettstrom, managing director of Reinhold, the £300 million Swedish property company, is in London today to explain his company's involvement with Ranelagh Developments, the British property company set up by some of the former directors of Haslemere Estates after its takeover by Rodamco, the Dutch company.

Reinhold wants to establish a foothold in the British market, especially in London. The joint venture arrangement with Ranelagh is Rein-

hold's first overseas operation.

The Swedish company's plans to find a partner in British property development, especially in the City of London and the West End, came at an opportune time for Ranelagh, which was looking for development cash. The joint venture means that Reinhold will provide funds to Ranelagh, enabling it to carry out schemes of £20 million or more.

Ranelagh, which will initially be a trading company,

intends to establish a second line of finance. Its merchant bank adviser will soon announce a private placing of some of the company's equity with institutions to raise more than £10 million.

Ranelagh is negotiating on some development possibilities in the City and West End, hoping to carry out schemes which need refurbishment or intensive management. Reinhold, which has no equity in Ranelagh, specializes in similar kinds of development. It sees scope in the London market which is not available to it in Stockholm.

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Judith Huntley

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Three Month Sterling	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Val
Dec 86	88.27	88.40	88.07	88.20	8937
Mar 87	88.25	88.38	88.42	88.22	252
Jun 87	88.05	88.05	88.63	88.67	223
Sep 87	88.40	88.50	88.40	88.47	12
Dec 87	N/T	-	-	88.27	9
Mar 88	N/T	-	-	88.02	0

Three Month Eurodollar	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Val
Dec 86	94.03	94.03	94.02	94.04	5722
Mar 87	93.50	93.59	93.72	93.74	10
Jun 87	93.72	93.81	93.78	93.84	24
Sep 87	93.39	93.41	93.38	93.38	65
Dec 87	N/T	-	-	93.38	0
Mar 88	N/T	-	-	93.34	0

US Treasury Bond	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Val
Dec 86	96.10	97.05	96.26	96.21	8086
Mar 87	N/T	-	-	95.34	0
Jun 87	N/T	-	-	95.34	0
Sep 87	N/T	-	-	95.34	0
Dec 87	N/T	-	-	95.34	0
Mar 88	N/T	-	-	95.34	0

Short Gilt	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Val
Dec 86	96.33	96.33	96.10	96.04	0
Mar 87	N/T	-	-	96.04	0
Jun 87	N/T	-	-	96.04	0
Sep 87	N/T	-	-	96.04	0
Dec 87	N/T	-	-	96.04	0
Mar 88	N/T	-	-	96.04	0

Long Gilt	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Val
Dec 86	112.03	112.03	112.04	112.08	15920
Mar 87	112.05	112.06	112.04	112.05	15
Jun 87	N/T	-	-	112.05	0
Sep 87	N/T	-	-	112.05	0
Dec 87	N/T	-	-	112.05	0
Mar 88	N/T	-	-	112.05	0

FTSE 100	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Val
Dec 86	159.50	159.44	158.00	158.75	579
Mar 87	162.00	162.00	162.00	163.75	579

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES		DOLLAR SPOT RATES	
Market rates	Market rates	1 month	3 months
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Beecham value soars £158m on Bauman's new medicine

By Michael Clark and Carol Leonard

Shares of Beecham, the pharmaceuticals and consumer products group, soared 23p to 413p yesterday, adding around £158 million to its stock market value as American-born Mr Robert Bauman, its newly appointed chairman, prepared to introduce himself to the City.

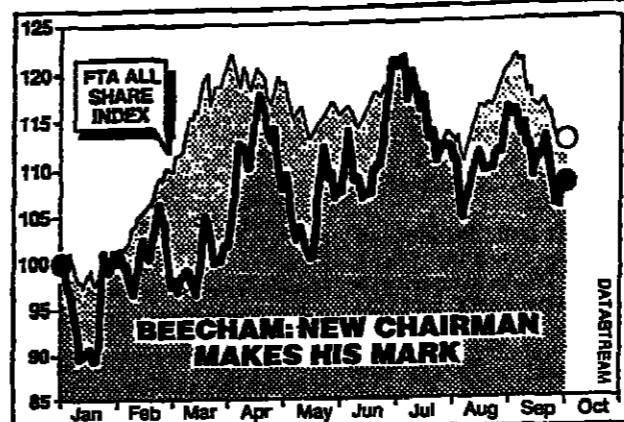
Beecham is reputed to be paying Mr Bauman around \$1 million a year (£594,000) to inject new life and direction into the flagging group. The appointment made him Britain's second highest paid executive after Mr Richard Giordano. Last night he was hosting a cocktail party for major fund managers at London's Savoy Hotel and is due to meet a number of analysts at a similar function next week.

The market is hoping for some good news from Mr Bauman, who has already succeeded in attracting support for the shares from several of the big New York investment houses. Goldman Sachs will be publishing a major piece of research on the group later this month and recommending the shares to its clients.

Miss Linda Tremaine, analyst with Savory Mills, the broker, says he has already done a lot of public relations work in both the US and the UK. Savory Mills has also arranged a seminar in Paris on October 21 for the company at which Mr Bauman has agreed to speak.

Miss Tremaine says that Beecham has already put forward notices on three of its businesses and has received firm offers for Germaine Monteil in the US and its British drinks distribution subsidiary, Findlater Mackie Todd. More than 200 prospectuses have also been issued in connection with the sale of the home improvements division.

News of last night's meeting with the institutions took dealers by surprise. Robert Fleming, which acts as a market-maker in the shares



investors in thin trading. The FT index of 30 shares rose 24.7 to 1,251.7 as more than £4 billion was added to the value of quoted stocks. The broader based FT-SE 100 ended 22.5 higher at 1,578.3.

That large line of 4 million shares in Smiths Industries, that had been around for most of the week, was eventually cleared at 237.5p. This followed an upgrading of profit estimates by Phillips & Drew, the broker.

British Aerospace soared 21p to 461p after news that the European consortium it is part of has received a £3 billion order for 100 Airbus from one of the big American airlines for delivery in 1989. That could be good news for BAe which was keeping tight-lipped.

Hanson Trust received 7p to 183p after receiving permission to quote its shares on Wall Street in the form of American Depositary Receipts. Dealings are due to start in a month.

Dealers reported selective support for blue chips from US buyers who were coming in for stocks like Glaxo 32p higher at 965p and Jaguar 17p to 523p. The strength of the market also attracted support for some of our big exporters like ICI 18p higher at £10.82, and Courtaulds 5p to 283p.

The battle for control of McCorquodale, the specialist printer, continued to hot up yesterday. The shares advanced 10p to a new peak of 286p as it emerged that Mr Robert Maxwell, publisher of

Gas. They have uncarbed five groups of shareholders, including three nominee accounts who, between them, speak for 7% per cent of the equity. The two identifiable investors are New Zealanders Mr Ron Brierley, who has just reduced his holding from 2.3 per cent to 1.3 per cent and the Barclay brothers who, at the end of the last account, had 1.1 per cent. A mysterious B29 account operated by the Royal Bank of Scotland speaks for 1.6 per cent. Fieldings Nominees has just bought an extra million shares taking its stake up to 2.5 per cent and an outfit called Bostex and based in Delaware, USA, has 1 per cent.

"What's interesting is that both Brierley and the Barclays have had their stakes for some time and they haven't increased them. Brierley has actually reduced his," says oil specialist, Mr Mike Cowling at Wood Mackenzie. "It must question whether they can really be considered as potential bidders."

Shares in IC Gas held steady at 506p yesterday, after rising steadily for the past couple of weeks on bid speculation. Wood Mackenzie estimate that its asset value is around 550p a share, making it worth no more than 800million.

Redland tumbled 32p to 386p on the back of a one-for-four rights issue at 350p to raise £180 million. The money will be put towards a £220million acquisition, also announced yesterday, of an American aggregates business, based in Maryland. Its shares could take heart next week when a party of British analysts begin a two day trip to its operations in Texas. The same analysts will also be inspecting the American activities of Blue Circle, up 5p to 563p, and Pilkington, unchanged at 430p.

A circular from Greenwell Montagu, the broker, saying that first dealings in TSB shares could see the part-paid price soaring to 125p, put new life into the unofficial grey market. The middle price firmed several pennies to 91p. Licensed dealer Cleveland Securities said it was seeing a lot of selling from preferential shareholders and buying from City professionals.

The rest of the banking sector was firmer. Midland put on 5p to 539p, Barclays 3p to 467p, Lloyds 2p to 414p and National Westminster also a couple to 514p.

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NOTICE OF VOTING PROCEDURE ON PLAN OF REORGANIZATION

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Disclosure Statement filed by The Charter Company and Charter International Finance N.V. has been approved by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Florida.

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WALL STREET

Dow rises ahead in early trading boost

New York (Agencies) - Shares rose sharply in moderately active trading early yesterday.

Market participants said stocks were being fuelled by a continued strong bond market and heavy buying in the airline stocks, which boosted the transport sector.

Analysts said brokers were recommending airline stocks on reports that airline traffic was strong in the late summer.

The Dow Jones industrial average, which was up only about five points shortly after the opening, jumped 28.68 to 1,796.26 around mid-morning when the transport indicator climbed 14.87 to 815.25. The 65 stocks average rose 10.48 to 713.94.

The broader New York Stock Exchange composite index gained 1.52 at 134.96 while Standard & Poor's 500-stock index was up 2.92 at 234.24.

Table of stock market data with columns for company names and prices. Includes companies like AMR, ASA, Allied Signal, etc.

Ford and Fiat poised to fight for Alfa Romeo

Milan (Reuters) - Fiat, Italy's biggest private industrial group, and Ford of Europe are ready to bid for control of Alfa Romeo, the loss-making Italian state car manufacturer, analysts here said yesterday.

Fiat and Ford broke off merger talks last year. Fiat is flush with money. Its owners, the Agnelli family, are brimming with confidence after the repurchase last week of the Libyan minority stake in Fiat.

Ford is expected to submit a detailed offer for Alfa this week after talks in London, officials of Finmeccanica, Alfa's parent company, said.

Reports, which neither Ford nor Finmeccanica has denied, say the US company is prepared to take an initial 20 per cent stake in Alfa which it would raise to a controlling 51 per cent in three years.

Alfa would be nursed back to profit by 1990 while retaining a separate corporate identity.

But Mr Giovanni Agnelli, chairman of Fiat, entered the fray last week, saying Fiat plan to split Alfa into two operating companies was rejected.

Fiat and Ford are among six car producers in Western Europe, each with a market share of about 12 per cent and jockeying for position as the top manufacturer on the Continent.

Analysts say that whoever wins Alfa could secure an important psychological edge in the battle for market supremacy.

Fiat is just responding defensively to a threat from a foreign competitor.

An Alfa employee, who requested anonymity, said: "We are scared that if Fiat takes us over, we will end up like Lancia."

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Foseco Minsep coun cost of LTV failure

Foseco Minsep is not enjoying the reputation attached to having LTV, probably the biggest corporate bankrupt ever, as one of its major customers.

The 1986 interim results included an exceptional charge of £1.6 million covering bad debts from LTV, the second-largest steel producer in the US. Foseco has also provided a quite significant amount above the line to cover further failures among its clientele base.

Deliveries and credit terms are being closely watched for all but the most financially-secure customers.

Foseco's interim statement reads like a tale of woe. US operations as a whole lost money. Problems in the steel industry have been well publicized although difficulties are being exacerbated by strikes at leading producers such as USX and Armco.

On the construction materials side, Gibson-Homans has suffered a fall in demand for its oil and agricultural-related products.

The proportion of Foseco's business related to the steel industry has fallen in recent years from around 50 per cent to under 25 per cent.

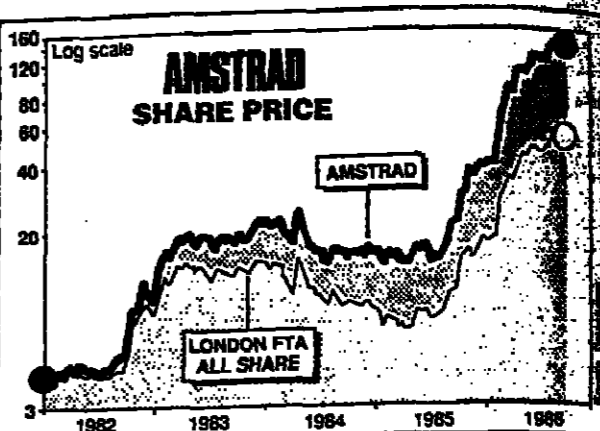
However, this remains a volatile market and yesterday's results show how a bad performance can affect the whole group's performance.

Mr Charles Irvine of Barings said it was hoped to realize something more than the two subsidiaries' shareholders funds, which were put at £9.1 million and \$14.5 million respectively.

He identified financial conglomerates and producers and consumers of raw materials as likely buyers.

LEDU has had considerable success in the promotion of new businesses but, at the same time, attention has to be paid to encouraging and assisting existing small businesses to grow.

"Even a modest increase in the growth of existing small firms would have considerable impact on employment in Northern Ireland."



AMSTRAD SHARE PRICE

11 per cent increase over the 20.2p earned in 1980. There must be better investment opportunities around than this low-growth business which is still essentially cyclical.

Abingworth

Abingworth, the investment trust with a penchant for American technology companies, continues to be a share whose potential outweighs its performance.

Not only has the high-technology sector remained out of favour in the past year, but the dollar has fallen 17 per cent.

Therefore, Abingworth's net asset value per share fell again, to stand at 277p on June 30, against 286p a year earlier.

The company considers the net asset value could be up to 100p higher if the currency markets were kinder.

It hopes for better things this year, hopefully aided by a weaker pound, and is confident that brighter conditions for the technology sector will allow more of its US investments to float their shares.

Three have done so since June and the company expects another five to follow.

Fortunately, the trust has not put all its eggs in one basket. Several successful British investments, which include restaurants and car spares, have distinctly low-technology qualities, while a tie-up with a Swiss venture capital group will let it taste

the waters in Western Europe.

Useful and growing profits are also earned from a venture capital fund management subsidiary.

The shares, up 1p at 211p, look worth accumulating at a generous 24 per cent discount to assets.

Amstrad

Apart from the 273 per cent increase in pretax profits and 100 per cent increase in final dividend from Alan Sugar's money spinning machine, Amstrad, the most remarkable feature of the figures for the year to June 30 was the margins.

During a year of hectic growth and new product development, Amstrad recorded pretax profit margins on sales of almost 25 per cent.

Analysts are looking for another year of spectacular expansion, with no sign of stress or strain in the balance sheet. In fact, the full accounts when published will probably show net cash balances of about £60 million.

With the IBM compatible range off to a fine start and a string of new products in audio emerging into the shops, Amstrad looks set for at least £115 million profits.

But some analysts harbour a feeling that Mr Sugar is talking the numbers down. If they are right and earnings per share emerge in the 16p to 17p range, Amstrad shares are selling on an earnings multiple of about nine times. They look cheap.

Profits at Quest up to £1.25m

By Richard Lander

Quest Automation, the Hampshire computer products supplier, returned to profitability in the six months to August 31, although its figures were flattered by the inclusion of some £786,000 in profits originally assigned to the 1984-85 financial year.

Quest, whose interests range from laser-disc distribution to computer-aided design, reported pretax profits of £1.25 million at the interim stage compared with a £451,000 loss in the same period last year.

Turnover was increased from £6.1 million to £8.9 million.

Mr Alfred Stirling, the chairman, expects a continued improvement.

Mr Stirling also said the company should be able to pay a final dividend, the first since 1981. Steps are also being taken to improve the group's financial position by converting the 6 per cent preference shares to ordinary shares.

With a large chunk of last year's profits made on forward sales transferred to the interim figures, Quest has revised its 1984-85 loss upwards from £365,000 to £1.1 million.

Last offshoots of JMB up for sale

By Richard Lander

The two remaining subsidiaries of Johnson Matthey Bankers, the banking group rescued from the point of collapse by the Bank of England two years ago, have been put up for sale.

The businesses are Johnson Matthey Commodities Limited, a ring-dealing member of the London Metals Exchange, and its New York counterpart, Johnson Matthey Commodities Incorporated, another base metal dealer, which holds a seat on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Baring Brothers, the merchant bankers handling the sale for the Bank of England, is prepared to sell the companies together or separately.

Most of JMB, including the bullion, treasury and foreign exchange operations, was sold in May to Westpac, the Australian banking group. Buyers have also been found for the group's insurance and commodity broking interests.

The sale of the two metal trading groups will leave the Bank holding only JMB's bad loan portfolio, the root cause of the group's collapse.

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Ulster agency boosted

By Richard Lander

A large increase in staff for Ulster's small business agency, the Local Enterprise Development Unit, was announced yesterday by Mr Peter Viggers, the Northern Ireland Minister for Commerce and Industry.

Recruitment has begun for an increase in staff from 86 to 109.

Mr Viggers said: "The

Table of Canadian prices listing various commodities and their prices. Includes items like Wheat, Soybeans, etc.

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GENERAL APPOINTMENTS

October 2, 1986

When management trainees are recruited, it is not generally appreciated just how high a proportion will reach senior positions. In an organization with managers, it is tempting to assume that the chance of becoming chief executive is one in 100.

In fact, of the management trainees who stay with the organization — i.e. those who do not resign, get sacked or die — it is possible that between 5 and 8 per cent will become a chief executive.

If the top half-dozen jobs in such an organization are considered, it is likely that between 25 and 50 per cent will achieve this level. There is, indeed, plenty of room at the top.

Much has been written about the need for careful and skilled selection of recruits: much, too, about the need to take early steps to prepare those who are likely to reach senior positions. Most managers will agree with this even if, in too many instances, it proves to be little more than lip-service.

Far fewer seem to be aware of how high a proportion of trainees will reach any particular level of seniority.

At a selection board for manage-

ment trainee entry, a senior manager once said to me: "Let's not be too highly selective. Remember, we don't want them all to be high-flyers. We want a sound body of good middle managers and a few who are capable of going further."

Clearly, he was not aware that at least 20 per cent and possibly up to 40 per cent of the young persons selected would eventually be in the most senior 5 per cent of positions in the company.

To 84 senior managers to whom I talked about this subject at various times I gave an illustrative problem. I described an organization not out of line with their own experience. I gave them the data, though not the formula, needed to arrive at the answer; and I asked them to estimate, or hazard a guess, at the percentage of recruits who would, if all promotion was internal, reach the top 10 per cent of senior posts.

It was not to be expected that many, if any at all, would know how to make a mathematical assessment; but would they, after many years of seeing typical organizational progress, get anywhere near the answer?

In the circumstances described, the best answer would have been 70 per cent. A startling outcome

Young recruits should always appreciate that there really is room at the top, says Max Broly



was that the 84 estimates ranged from 0.5 per cent to 95 per cent. No one hit on 70 per cent. Only six estimated a figure more than 50 per cent. On the other hand, nearly a quarter guessed at 5 per cent or less and more than half guessed at 15 per cent or less.

One must admit that it is less easy to calculate the probability of promotion than, say, the probability of coins or dice falling in a particular way. Even so, it is difficult to account for such a degree of error.

Without plunging into the mathematics it can be said that the probability of promotion depends on several factors — the proportion of senior posts considered,

organization. I wonder whether this topic is covered by any of the establishments dealing with management training and education.

In my experience not only were managers wide of the mark some were sceptical. One responded brutally: "That's impossible. Your figures must be wrong."

Others, I suspect from the tone of the subsequent discussion, though less abrasive, would have tacitly agreed with him. The mathematical formula, to be understood and accepted, required a level of numeracy that not all possessed. Practical and acceptable illustrations were difficult to produce.

These managers came, almost without exception, from bio-industrial organizations where the span of time between trainee recruitment and retirement could be 45 years.

To be able to quote what happened in practice to annual intakes of trainees one would have to go back, in company records, to the recruits of more than 40 years ago; and be able to trace what happened to them all.

Faced with astonishment bordering on disbelief, it would have been helpful to be able to quote figures given recently by a

spokesman for the Foreign Office. The Foreign Office, it was said, aimed to recruit to the 7d training scheme — intended for graduates with some other career experience — about 20 high-calibre trainees every year, preferably in their late twenties. Figures showed that of an annual intake of 20, wastage was between five and eight. Between 11 and 14 reached ambassadorial level.

If wastage here is a euphemism for unsuitability, the probability of promotion to the level of ambassador is between 55 and 70 per cent. If the wastage is real — the resignation or death — the probability can be estimated as 8 to 9 per cent.

If, as it seems, many managers underestimate to a shocking degree the proportion of recruits who will be needed, in time, for senior posts, then the problems of recruitment, selection and training will receive less attention than they should. He who can keep his head, in management succession planning, "when all about are losing theirs" has probably failed to realize the immensity of the problem.

With such a high proportion of recruits likely to reach senior positions it is little wonder that

cynical theories develop about promotion to the level of incompetence.

Managers should be aware of such figures. If they find them alarming they can sizeably reduce them either by external recruitment at a later stage (head-hunting) or by promoting at an earlier age. But while head-hunting may solve a problem for the individual organization, it is of little help overall.

The gap successfully filled in one organization leaves an empty space in another. Nationwide it will not materially reduce the proportion reaching senior levels. Early promotion would help but it reinforces the need for better and earlier training and increases the risk that the well trained young person will be head-hunted by someone else.

There does not seem to be any single ideal solution. Every organization must make its own choice. The point made here is simply that, while most managers believe themselves to be aware of the problem, most really are oblivious to its dimensions.

Max Broly was formerly head of group personnel services in B.A.T. Industries. He is a fellow of the Institute of Personnel Management.

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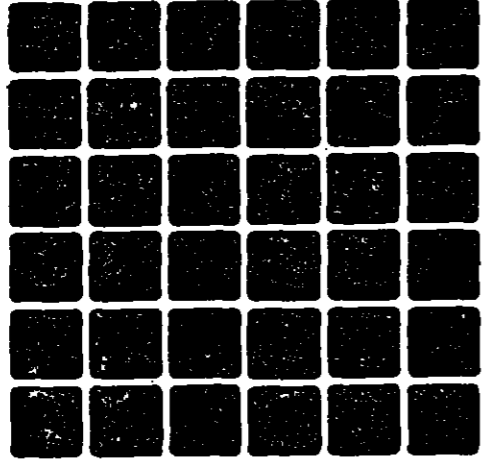
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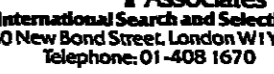
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Alan Bond won the America's Cup, which begins on Sunday, for Australia in 1983, ending a 132-year domination by the Americans. In the last of his series from Fremantle, David Miller, Chief Sports Correspondent, assesses Australia's chances of retaining the trophy.



Contrasting styles: A training barquentine is framed between two of the American yachts practising off Fremantle for their America's Cup challenge

There was a low-key informality and warmth about Alan Bond's ultimately triumphant America's Cup campaign in 1983, behind the brick-hard dedication which epitomized his country's approach to some of the things it does well.

Chatting to Ben Lexcen, whose untidy appearance tended to make him look as though he had called to collect the empty beer crates rather than supervise the course of yachting's first spacecraft, or spending five minutes with Warren Jones, the ubiquitous, 120-hour-a-week executive director, it was like finding a university laboratory at the bottom of the garden.

Now that the trophy sits in its burgundy velvet-lined vault at the Royal Perth Yacht Club, Jones has a problem: how can he preserve that mentality which helped give the squad their rugged underdog persistence?

Cup identification, has become a shade jaundiced. He questions whether, if successful this time, he would be willing to mount another defence. He was under contract to Royal Perth to defend the Cup if he won it in 1983, but is disenchanted at the sight of the club exploiting his achievement to make several million pounds and putting none of it back into the defence programme.

There is little doubt that Royal Perth officers fancy themselves. They turned up on the balcony on Bellevue Avenue to receive the Cup in Newport looking like Ruritanian admirals.

For 132 years the NYCC held all the advantages in home waters, and the same now applies in one particularly significant aspect for Bond and the most dangerous of his Australian rivals, Kevin Parry's Taskforce syndicate.

able to look for varying capability so as to cover the changeable weather over the five-month period. They did not have to stay as close to the evolutionary standard of Australia II and produce an all-round boat like Crusader I and America II's US 46.

Yet is Bond's campaign on top of the game? They have been unnerved by Crusader I's recent successful trials against Australia II, so medium winds early next year could put them in a spot, Jones admits that III and IV have a different emphasis: he hopes that III is an all-rounder, and knows that IV cannot perform in under 10 knots.

In the end the weather will dictate who the defender and challenger are." Jones says, conceding the point made by John Marshall, Dennis Conner's tactician, that the weather is less consistent than supposed. "The honest answer is that we don't know with which boat we would defend the Cup," Jones says.

The drift of his reasoning, not unlike Conner's, and Iain Murray's with Taskforce and Cudmore's in the British camp, is that ultimately the competition may still come down to the basic ability of a crew to handle the boat to its optimum in technologically equivalent hulls.

"The fact is that before 1983, Lexcen was delivering us the tool and we didn't know what to do with it," Jones says. "We had the better boat in 1970 with Gretel, and probably with Australia I in 1977 and 1980. With our present professionalism, and said, we could have won any of those three.

"When we were 3-1 down in 1983, we said at breakfast before the fifth race that we had the better boat and if we lost the Cup, everyone in the room was guilty. Had we lost 4-1, everyone would have said Australia II was nothing special, that the keel didn't work - and all because our crew had screwed up an innovative development that was better." Indeed, the America's Cup might have died, instead of now thrusting into new areas.

The irony is that it was Conner who taught the Australians how to beat him. After three attempts, they knew when they returned home in 1980 that they had to match his professionalism in Freedom, an ordinary boat, the next time. It so happened that Lexcen gave them an ace. The question now is whether, with a double crew like de Savary had but for two boats instead of one, Bond's strength may have been diluted.

John Bertrand, the winning helmsman in Newport, thinks this may be so, but his opinions are less than reliable. Nobody in sport was a luckier hero, yet his book on the historic series suggested that Lexcen's boat was not exceptional and that the Cup was won by his inspiration of the crew.

Bertrand's financial haul is deeply resented by the remainder of the crew, and Bond has expensively retained him under contract as an adviser only, it is reckoned, to keep him out of the way.

With the retirement of Bertrand, whose career could only have gone downwards, Bond has the choice of two helmsmen: the placid, youthful Colin Beashel, aged 25, who was mainsheet trimmer in 1983, and Gordon Lucas, 37, Beashel, who last weekend won the Australia Cup narrowly ahead of Phil Crebbin - who is only reserve for

Crusader - is supported on Australia IV by Hugh Trehearne and Grant Simmer, victorious members in 1983.

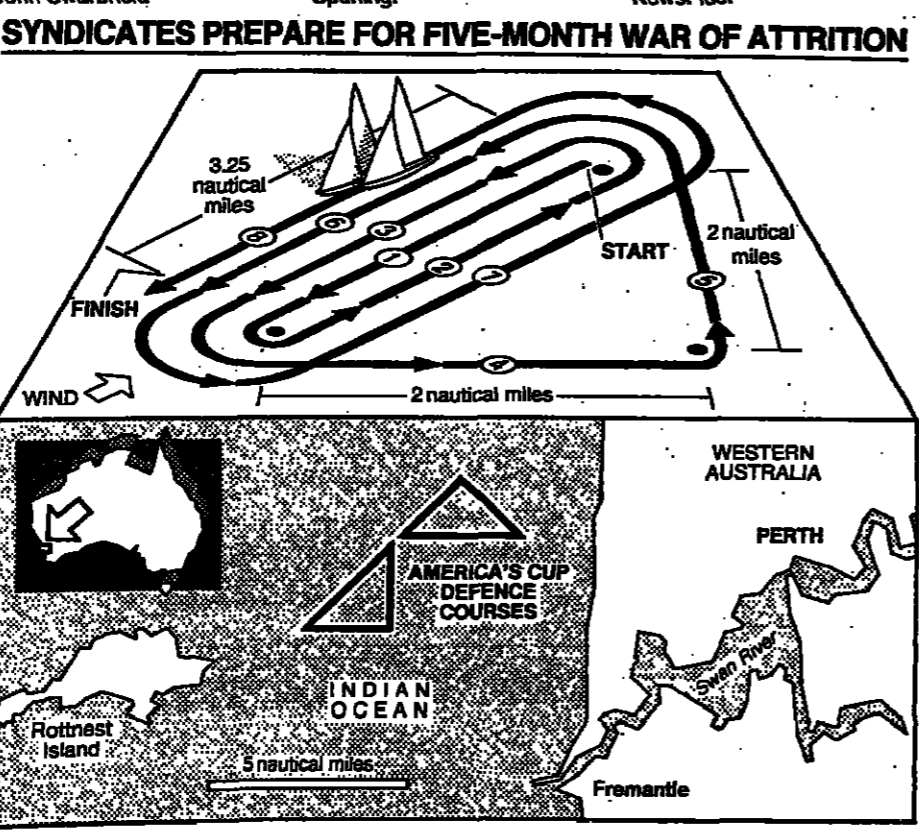
Jones swears emphatically that they would swap crews to the winning boat for the challenge round if III was the winner - "nobody's promised a ride" - but it is unthinkable that the Beashel-Trehearne-Simmer combination would not sail if Bond defends. It could prove a problem, because you don't change a winning team.

The next two or three weeks will show whether Murray, six times the 18-foot skiff champion and skipper of Taskforce's confident operation with Kookaburra I, II and III, was wise or foolish not to race the world championship so as to keep secure his design measurements. He describes as rubbish the criticism that his camp is short of 12-metre experience, pointing out that all but four in three crews have experienced one campaign. He helmed the painfully slow Advance in 1983 but now, with Victory '83's computer expert, Derek Clarke, on board, is almost dismissively confident. Kookaburra III, an amalgam of I and II, has an optimum performance in 15-20 knot winds but a functional range, Murray claims, from 10-30.

There is a mild cynicism between the Kookaburra and Crusader camps. Crebbin, whose opinions, like his helming, are related to data rather than a seat-of-the-pants instinct, thinks Murray is out on a limb and in for a shock. Murray says that "an educated eye can tell the British boats are not optimized." Certainly Crusader II as yet is not, which is why it has been dropped. Murray says the British have erred in going for a lighter boat, because he expects heavier weather to be influential.

Paying attention to detail

Syndicate: America's Cup Defence 1987. Club: Royal Perth YC. Defending yachts: Australia III and IV. Designer: Ben Lexcen. Syndicate head: Alan Bond. Skippers: Gordon Lucas and Colin Beashel. Budget: A\$520 million. Major sponsors: Swan Brewery, Artway of Australia, Mobil, Data General, Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank. Syndicate: Taskforce '87. Club: Royal Perth YC. Defending yachts: Kookaburra I, II and III. Designers: Iain Murray and John Swarbrick.



With a punishing schedule of up to 751 races between Sunday's start of the challenger elimination trials and the final Cup decider in mid-February, the 17 contesting syndicates have been bracing themselves for a war of attrition that will wear down boats, rigs and crews during the series.

Skipper: John Savage. Budget: A\$58 million. Major sponsors: S Australia Government, Mitsubishi Australia, Woolworth, Corfu Jeans, Slip 'n' Save, Australian National Railways. Syndicate: Eastern Australia. Club: Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron. Defending yacht: Steak 'n' Kidney. Designer: Peter Cole. Syndicate head: Syd Fischer. Skipper: Gary Sherd. Budget: A\$55 million. Major sponsors: Macquarie Broadcasting, Scribal Pens, Carbonit Office Supplies, NewsPlus.

The top four point-scoring yachts meet in two best-of-seven pairings between December 28 and January 7 before the two final protagonists fight it out in a final round of races between January 13 and 23 to decide who should go forward to meet the Australians for the Cup.

When it comes to pushing the boat out White Horse leads the way. THE WHITE HORSE CHALLENGE White Horse Scotch Whisky. The major sponsor of the 1987 British America's Cup Challenge.

Sunday racing can be a winner for Britain

In Britain last year, 22 million people had at least one bet with a bookmaker. They created an annual betting turnover of £4,000 million, £3,200 million of which was on horse racing. No other sport has such a large paying public. And yet it misses the market on the day which has become the most important of the week in such big-money sports as tennis, cricket, golf and motor-racing. . . . Sunday. Racing is now deep in debate over whether to press for racetracks and, more controversially, betting shops to be open on Sunday.

Michael Seely reports.

Next Sunday 35,000 racegoers, including thousands of British visitors, will throng into the colourful arena at Longchamp in Paris to watch Dancing Brave, Bering, Shahrastani, Shardari and the rest battle for the title of champion of Europe. It is the day of the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe.

Tens of millions of television viewers will also be watching the world's toughest flat race. In France a total of £16 million will be invested on the Fiercé in an attempt to forecast the first three home. Three per cent of the £16 million will be put back into French racing.

Britain is the only country, apart from New Zealand, where the racetracks are empty on Sundays. Most other sports have for years been deliberately flouting the Lord's Day Observance Act of 1780, which prohibits the opening on the Sabbath of any house, room or other place for any purposes of entertainment or amusement to which the public is admitted by the payment of money or by tickets sold for money.

At Wimbledon in June, Boris Becker won his singles tennis title in front of a capacity crowd. At Brands Hatch in July, Nigel Mansell captured the British motor-racing Grand Prix. Both of these events took place on Sundays, in direct contravention of the law.

When the first regular staging of major sport on Sunday in Britain started with cricket's John Player Special League in 1969, elaborate subterfuges, such as charging for cars or programmes only, were adopted. And even now most stadiums have one free entrance, tucked away in a corner where no one can find it.

Wimbledon is the cleverest of all in that all seats are sold in advance and although admission is not free, it benefits no one for it is impossible to watch the matches without a ticket.

Before the surprise rejection of the Sunday Shopping Bill by Parliament last May, the Jockey Club, aware of the desirability of introducing Sunday racing — with the twin objectives of increasing attendances and of attracting a new section of the leisure market — set up a working party, who, on balance, were strongly in favour provided that it was found to be financially viable.

The chairman of the committee was General Sir Cecil Blacker, the deputy senior steward of the Jockey Club. Every bit as tough and formidable a character as his rank would suggest, the General is starting a new campaign. He will be meeting in the Church next week and he will be canvassing MPs and other interested parties.

He says: "We understand that many of the opponents of the Shops Bill, in both political and church circles, are not unwilling to contemplate less drastic changes in the British Sunday, despite their opposition to the Bill.

"We are canvassing support for the introduction of racing on a limited number of Sundays, realizing that however limited or experimental such a period might be, Parliament would still have to change the law to allow betting on Sundays.

"It is much too early to forecast what success we are likely to have. It has not surprised us that the first objection raised is to the opening of betting shops, and thus to the authorization of off-course betting on Sundays. It could be

16 to 20 meetings a year," comments Irwin. "There are not all that many suitable Sundays. And as far as the metropolitan tracks are concerned, I must stress the emphasis of having a race of international calibre. People who are not all that knowledgeable about racing want to come to watch men and horses they have heard about."

Irwin concluded: "The longer Britain has to put off having Sunday racing, the more will it be to our advantage. More and more people are coming over here on Sundays. And I must stress how natural it seems to be racing on that day.

"The irony of it all is that the churches are playing to full houses in the mornings. And in the afternoons people are allowed to hunt, shoot, fish, race or do anything they like."

Irish racing does not present an exact parallel to Britain's in the tracks do not benefit from off-course betting. This, of course, is why the betting industry in Britain is slightly lukewarm about the project: would the extra turnover justify the extra expense of opening the shops on Sundays.

Racetracks, even the most entrepreneurial, entertain similar doubts. John Sanderson, clerk of the course and racecourse manager at York and Thirsk, says: "This is a complex problem. As far as York is concerned, we would not want Sunday racing before the Ebor meeting, as both our June and July Saturdays are so lucrative. And if we stage them on Sundays, the meetings abroad would be competing for our top jockeys and horses."

Tim Neligan, head of United Racecourses, who control Sandown, Kempton and Epsom, comments: "We wouldn't want to transfer Eclipse or Whitbread Gold Cup day, for example, to a Sunday, as they already attract capacity crowds. And on a normal Sunday I can't see us getting more than about 8,000."

But I can see Sunday racing being a big success out in the country. At Goodwood for example. People love to go out for the day in their cars. And smaller country tracks like Carnet could attract crowds of 15,000 to 16,000."

A very different point of view is expressed by Guy Harwood, whose Allez Milord won the big race in Cologne last Sunday and whose Dancing Brave is one of the favourites for the Arc.

"It would be mad to turn down chances of catering for the public's leisure activities and also of generating funds for extra prize money, which is still at such a low rate in this country," Harwood says. "People who are against it are just apathetic and lazy."

Another breath of fresh air came from Sir Woodrow Wyatt, the buccannery and imaginative chairman of the Totalisator Board. "I am sure racecourses are being far too conservative. People would flock to tracks like Sandown in fine weather. They've been to stately homes and safari parks a thousand times and are bored stiff by them."

Obviously, it is going to be impossible to get the betting shops opened and on-course betting permitted without an Act of Parliament. But if all else fails, I'd like to see one or two meetings without betting. And then the pressure of public demand might have some effect on the powers that be.

"You'd have to have rows of telephone boxes outside the course for credit clients to ring up the bookmakers. There'd obviously be some illegal betting as well. But anything's better than sitting back and doing nothing."

Let General Blacker, a total realist and experienced political fighter, have the last word.

"Of course we know that we need a change in the Gaming Act of 1963 before anything is possible. But I feel it would be madness to let the matter drop until British racing is permitted to enjoy the same opportunities as foreign racing, opportunities which other sports in this country already use to attract public support away from racing."

TOMORROW
The views from the Betting Levy Board and the bookmakers.



Price is right: Sir Peter Nugent conducts the lively proceedings at the Newmarket Yearling Sales that saw Lady Beaverbrook pay 560,000 guineas for a Mill Reef filly

The prices skyrocket when mystery tangles with power

The day the Highflyer Yearling Sales began at Newmarket is the day that a cabal of equine mysteries and the might of money meet — like all other days in racing. This is Europe's most important yearling sale; there will be plenty of winners among the puffed, sweating, spindly-legged little wonders that go under the hammer this week. Quite certainly there will also be a barrel-load of losers.

"Well-made workmanlike horse sire starting to do well in American bid if you want his twenty-five thousand in the gate twenty-six twenty-seven fresh blood twenty-eight twenty-eight I sell his now she's an athlete nice walk I sell his now . . ."

"Anyone of these could fetch a good price," Teddy Beckett, of the British Bloodstock Agency, said. "It only takes two determined bidders." "I give this colt away it's no money at forty-five thousand . . ."

No money? The massed faces of the bidders were impassive, the occasional catalogue discreetly raised — "thank you sir and forty-six, and seven . . ." — and over the sounds of decorous dealing came the pig-like whinnying of the horses, prancing the selling ring in fright at the expressionless men of power who confronted them as they entered to meet their destinies.

The conditions of sale in the catalogue are a mixture of the uncompromising rules of the marketplace and the deepest and most arcane aspects of equine lore: "There is no term implied in any sale that any lot is of merchantable quality or is fit for any particular purpose . . . The description of a horse does not exclude a horse or crypt-orchid. It wouldn't, would it? (A crypt-orchid is, I

days in a calendar year, so as to gain experience. A new exception to allow sponsors to pay expenses in a handicap event, which has been approved by the governing body of golf, will enable finals of such events to take place in faraway places such as Bermuda within the framework of the rules. Even so, the prizes to be won in such events will have to conform with the new limits, and it will no longer be permitted to win a prize of an expenses-paid trip to take part in a golf competition.

It has also been made clear that if a player awaiting reinstatement is allowed to enter a competition solely among members of a club of which he is a member, he may win a prize. But this is a matter for his club to decide.

Laddie Lucas, at 71 two years younger than Bradshaw, has other claims to fame. The amateur counterpart of the left-handed Bob Charles has a string of decorations and has found time to write books and sit in the House of Commons.

The fledgling, at 35, is Roddy Carr, son of the three-times Amateur champion from Dublin who played heroically in the Walker Cup victory of 1971

the ball some 30 yards. As a result the rule was changed to allow a free drop. Bobby Locke beat Bradshaw in a play-off for the title.

Peter Alliss and Bruce Critchley have spammed the years in selecting their teams for the second match next Thursday between Ryder Cup and Walker Cup players at Royal Cinque Ports. Deal.

Included is Harry Bradshaw, who played in the Ryder Cup matches of 1953, 1955 and 1957 and who claimed a special niche in the history of the game after an incident during the 1949 Open Championship.

Bradshaw's ball became lodged in a bottle and, without waiting for a ruling, he smashed through the glass and advanced

Britain get their way over SA plan

From John Goodbody, Dublin

Britain yesterday stayed off a threat at the Council of Europe that the Government would have to step in to stop any competitors visiting South Africa for sports events.

The British delegation, supported by West Germany and France, successfully opposed Sweden's resolution that, logically, would have obliged the Government to withdraw the passports of individuals intending to visit South Africa. The vision of Immigration officers at Heathrow taking away the passports from a British Lions rugby team bound for Johannesburg is now an illusion.

Instead a compromise resolution submitted by Ireland, which has all the bite of the 1977 Gleneagles declaration, seems certain to be passed at today's final session of the fifth conference of European sports ministers, attended by 21 countries.

This resolution, that governments take "all possible action to encourage their sports federations to break all sports links with sports bodies, teams and sportspeople in South Africa", in other words it is status quo, with Mr Richard Tracey, the Sports Minister, trying to dissuade bodies from touring South Africa, usually without effect. For many competitors the lure of the Krugerrand is more powerful than the criticism of the British Government.

A speech by Mr Tracey, read out in the minister's absence, made clear the Government's stance. "We recognize that in our free society it must be the sports bodies and sportsmen who take the final decision. That in no way lessens our commitment; but in the United Kingdom we simply do not have — and would not wish — the powers to prevent law-abiding citizens from coming and going as they please."

Because of the stiff opposition to Sweden's original proposal, a compromise resolution was inevitable. The Council of Europe likes unanimity rather than disagreement.

Britain will propose today that if a competitor is found guilty of taking drugs the penalty should be a life ban with a minimum of four years in certain cases. This has the support here of Prince Alexandre de Merode, chairman of the International Olympic Committee's medical commission.

In the past there have been examples of competitors who have been found "positive" being quickly reinstated. Martti Vainio, stripped of his Olympic 10,000 metres silver medal in 1984 for taking anabolic steroids, was this year reinstated and competed in the European athletics championships. An 18-month ban is totally insufficient and also allows a competitor a period of training without being subjected to tests, which can completely defeat the object of imposing any penalty.

Britain's proposal will give moral support to those members of the International Olympic Committee working towards stiffer penalties for drug-taking. A minimum four-year ban will effectively end most competitors' international careers and disqualify them from one Olympic Games. It is about time the IOC took a lead on this matter.

Whitewash fears as squad is named

When the name of the big forward, Martin Bella, was announced in the Australian news party many pundits described his selection as a surprise. No one in Halifax was surprised, since the denizens of Taram Hall well remember Bella's powerful, muscular and whole-hearted Aussie who gave strength and solidity to the Halifax front row during the great revival two seasons ago. At loose forward in that side was a raw young Australian, Dave Langmack, who like Bella, was brought to England by the Halifax president, David Brook, and proved to be one of the most lively back row forwards in the English game. Langmack too has made the Kangaroo party.

Bella and Langmack are two of the "Anglo-Australians" in the touring squad, which arrives in Britain next week for a 13-match tour, determined to equal the record of the brilliant 1982 Kangaroos who won every game. When the party was announced at the weekend there was a rash of names to be added to the list of players who have made outstanding contributions to British rugby league during recent seasons.

The captain is the big Queensland stand-off half, Wally Lewis, who played a sparkling Wakefield Trinity without missing out too many triumphs. On the 1982 tour he played second fiddle to Brett Kenny, the stylish half back whose penetrative running and superbly timed passes motivated Wigan's challenge cup success in 1985.

At scrum half will be rugby league's contribution to the theory of perpetual motion, Peter Sterling, whose return to

HOCKEY Sardar back in favour

Karachi (Reuters) — Pakistan, reeling from Sunday's stunning defeat by South Korea, have recalled Hassan Sardar, their excellent centre forward, for the World Cup in London tomorrow.

Sardar, aged 28, considered by some to be the Diego Maradona of hockey, was dropped from the team in August, a decision which caused uproar. But Pakistan's 2-1 defeat by unfancied South Korea in the final of the Asian Games in Seoul gives him a chance to add to his 150 caps.

Sardar was top scorer in the sides which brought Pakistan the 1982 world crown, the 1984 Olympic and the 1982 Asian Games titles.

TODAY'S FIXTURES
CENTRAL LEAGUE: Bradford (7.30) v Wakefield (7.30), Grimsby v Wigan (8.00), Rotherham v Wakefield (8.00). AMATEUR FOOTBALL ALLIANCE: AFA Tiers 11 v 12 fixtures (Lloyds Bank, South-east, 7.30).

GOLF
Women's Mizubashi Jersey Open (at Royal Jersey GC): Central England (at Royal Jersey GC), Central England (at Mizubashi Jersey Open), Mizubashi Jersey Open (at Royal Jersey GC), Mizubashi Jersey Open (at Mizubashi Jersey Open).

OTHER SPORT
BASKETBALL: Women's European Championship (at Bradford (7.30), Grimsby v Wigan (8.00), Rotherham v Wakefield (8.00)).

SNOWDRIFT: International (at Tisbury Golf Club), Snowdrift (at Tisbury Golf Club), Snowdrift (at Tisbury Golf Club).

Amateurs compete for less

The average amateur golfer will be forced to take a "pay cut" in 1987 under the new rules of amateur status to be introduced by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews on January 1. An amendment has increased the limit for a prize, or prize voucher, by £20 to £170, but this will apply only for events of more than two rounds.

The amended rule states for the first time that "for an event of two rounds or less, the prize will be £110".

An amateur competing in an 18-hole pro-am will, for instance, only be able to accept a prize to the value of £110; in the past, sponsors have been able to offer gifts up to the value of £130.

The Royal and Ancient are also continuing to base their calculations on the value of the pound being more than two-thirds of a US dollar. So the prize limits for events outside Great Britain and Ireland will be £400 for the value of more than two rounds, and £260 for any other event.

It also clarifies the purpose of a voucher. In future, a voucher may only be handed to a retailer in exchange for goods purchased whereas, in the past, it has not been known for a player to exchange a voucher for cash.

The Royal and Ancient has also announced controlled liberalization of expenses to allow a club, as well as a national or county union, to nominate promising players to receive expenses in individual events, not exceeding 20 competitive

days in a calendar year, so as to gain experience. A new exception to allow sponsors to pay expenses in a handicap event, which has been approved by the governing body of golf, will enable finals of such events to take place in faraway places such as Bermuda within the framework of the rules. Even so, the prizes to be won in such events will have to conform with the new limits, and it will no longer be permitted to win a prize of an expenses-paid trip to take part in a golf competition.

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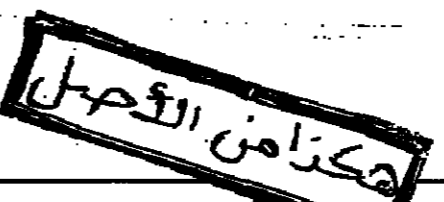
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9.00 *Labour Party Conference*
9.00 *Play School* presented by Ben Thomas
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9.15 *News After Noon* with Frances Coverdale and Moira Stuart, includes news headlines with subtitles 1.25 Regional news and weather. 1.30 *Mop and Smiff*. (r) 1.45 *Ceefax*.
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5.00 *Newsweek*. 15 Blue Peter. Janet Ellis reports from the last of the Depot Auctions in aid of the Land of the Living and from the library funded by the Campaign, which is stocked with the latest equipment for children's hearing problems. (Ceefax) 5.35 *The Flintstones*.
6.00 *News* with Nicholas Witchell and Philip Hayton.
6.05 *Weather*.
6.35 *London Plus*.
7.00 *Top of the Pops* presented by Mike Smith.
7.30 *Eastenders*. The fruit and vegetable market and its essential rivalry between Tom and Arthur.
8.00 *Tomorrow's World*. Peter Macrann tells the smoke hoods which could have saved many of the lives lost at the Airport disaster. Maggie Philbin is in Iceland to discover how the population can predict a volcanic eruption; Howard Stabfield tests a new permanent fastening; and Judith Hann examines an in-tray device that is instantly re-adjusting. 8.30 *Meet with John Humphrys and Andrew Harvey*. Regional news and weather.
8.30 *In Sickness and in Health*. Alf and Arthur find themselves in the money when Alf acquires a jacket plastered with battle ribbons and is pushed around in Elise's wheelchair by the *Conqueror* Question Time. Sir Robin Day's guests in Blackpool are David Blunkett, Roy Hattersley, Norman Tebbit, and Shirley Williams.
9.00 *Bill 86*. Barry Norman reviews Anthony Hopkins's film, *The Good Father*, and Tom Brooks, in New York, interviews Tom Cruise, star of the successful *Top Gun*.
10.30 *The Money Makers*. A profile of Stanley Ho, a wealthy man who made his money by buying casinos. (r)

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6.15 *Good Morning Britain* presented by Anne Diamond and Adrian Brown. News with Gordon Homecombe at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; financial news 8.15; sport at 8.40 and 9.00; exercises at 8.55 and 9.17; cartoon at 9.25; pop music at 9.55; and *Jeni Barnett's* postbag at 9.55. The After Nine guest is Claire Rayner who answers problem letters from one-parent families.

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9.25 *Thames news headlines*.
9.30 *For Schools*: what happens when a patient is admitted to the Emergency Department of a hospital? Hazel Towns's story, *Just You Wait*, 9.45. The dangers of eating too many sweet foods 10.11 Part two of the dramatized version of the musical *Pat and the Wolf* 10.25 *Human Biology* and health education 10.45 *Putting product design into historical perspective* 11.05 Part one of *Stacy Byars*'s *Dr. The Night Swimmers*. 11.20 *Blindness* and methods used to alleviate the condition 11.37 *The Way We Used to Live*: Bank Holidays.

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City playing safe as Frizzell is put in charge

By Peter Ball

Manchester City have opted for stability and thrift. Yesterday they confirmed the appointment of Jimmy Frizzell, the club's assistant manager for the last three years, as their new manager. Frizzell, the fifteenth manager at Maine Road since the war, replaces Billy McNeill and will have a two-year contract. "Our main concern was stability," Peter Swales, the chairman, said on announcing the appointment. "It would have been ridiculous to have gone outside for a manager, which is always a chancy business anyway, when we had an obvious choice on our doorstep."

The appointment may not be universally popular with the fans — Swales conceded that 70 per cent of the letters he had received advocated the choice of Tommy Docherty — but it is an apt recognition of City's circumstances after the heady extravaganzas of the 1970s. The club did not interfere with any other applicant.

It was the least difficult decision of the seven appointments since I've been chairman," Swales added, providing an unfortunate echo of his comment on the choice of John Benson, which he said then "was unanimous, which is unusual for us". Benson lasted six months.

That knowledge is unlikely to deter Frizzell, who is in stark contrast to most of his flamboyant predecessors. A dour, small Scot, he is more of a carpet-slipper manager than a champagne and gold bracelet man, preferring cigarettes to cigars.

He is, however, said to be popular with the players, and

behind the quiet image there are occasional glimpses of a pawky wit. After an early sighting of Queen's Park Rangers' notorious plastic surface, he said: "They tell me this is where the game's future lies. If so I'm glad I'm getting on a bit. But we were pleased to get a point — usually the only thing we get out of London is the train from Euston."

That humour will undoubtedly be needed in the attempt to restore confidence

Tickets only

Ticket restrictions are being introduced for Leeds United's next four away matches in the second division. Although Leeds are still waiting to hear from the FA about their plea to bring back a selective ban on ticket sales, Plymouth Argyle, Grimsby Town, Millwall and Birmingham City gone ahead and made their matches with the Yorkshire club all-tickets.

to a team already in deep depression. City's record of only one win in their last 23 games, with only five goals scored in their nine games in this season, three of them in a 10-minute burst on the opening day, demonstrates the extent of the task facing their new manager.

Frizzell concedes that goal scoring is his major priority. He is, however, a careful operator in the transfer market, as both his Scottish birth and years with Oldham dictate, and although he watched Colin Pascoe, of Swansea, on Tuesday, he was not interested in the reported fee of £200,000.

For the moment the most likely moves will be departures — negotiations with Fulham over Gordon Davies and the move of Steve Kinsey to America. He is expected eventually to bring in a younger assistant.

A forward with Morton and then Oldham Athletic, with whom he spent 22 years as player and then manager, Frizzell has served a long apprenticeship in the ways of managing a club on a shoestring. Swales, however, who confessed to be "touchy" about constant references to City's financial position, said that Frizzell would have some money to spend — "if it is for the right man."

That is unlikely to frighten Frizzell, whose eye for a bargain and for developing young talent provides his best testimonial. When he took over at Oldham as caretaker-manager at the beginning of 1970, the club had reached its lowest ebb. In serious financial trouble, they were facing the threat of applying for re-election for a second successive year.

Re-election was avoided, and the following season Oldham gained promotion. After two years of consolidation, they won the third division championship in 1974. They have been in the second division ever since. Frizzell's ability to buy cheap and sell profitably keeping the club on an even keel. In 1982 they made their most serious stab at promotion to division one until injuries to key players led to a decline and they finished in mid-table. In the event Frizzell was sacked.



Happiness: Lloyd Honeyghan shares his jubilation at winning the undisputed world welterweight boxing championship with his family and friends yesterday. Report, page 36

India warn any trip to SA may isolate England

From Richard Stretton, Delhi

Any county cricketer who wishes to be chosen for England's World Cup team in India and Pakistan this time next year should avoid visiting South Africa in the coming winter, whether to coach or for any other reason. That warning was issued here yesterday by Mr N. K. P. Salve, the deputy leader of the ruling Congress parliamentary party in the Indian Upper House, who is also chairman of the World Cup organizing committee.

Mr Salve intends to approach England's delegate when the International Cricket Conference (ICC) holds a special meeting in Delhi on November 3 and 4 to make final arrangements for the 1987 tournament. "Any South African visits would be unwise in a delicate situation," he said.

"I am not only trying to ensure that the World Cup takes place without controversy, but it is far more serious even than that. We are more anxious that nothing should happen which might leave England isolated from the rest of the world cricket family, England, Australia and New Zealand, or anybody."

Mr Salve, a former president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India, gave his first British interview to *The Times* since plans for the World Cup on the sub-continent took definite shape. He said India and Pakistan had warned the ICC that their governments retained the prerogative to refuse entry to any individuals with South African connections.

He believed that England's Test and County Cricket Board had acted appropriately with the three-year ban on their South African rebels. "We feel the state is clear," he said. "The question of going to South Africa to coach has now been raised and I am sure it will be resolved."

Rehearsal for Cup over rate

Delhi — After the second Test match wash-out, the first thing to be mentioned about today's fourth one-day international between India and Australia is that the weather forecast is good. For neutrals, an interesting side issue will be to see if the team bowling first manages to complete the required 50 overs in the 3½ hours before lunch (Richard Stretton writes).

Fifty overs are planned in next year's World Cup but neither team has managed to reach this figure in the three games played so far this season. Each match has become a 47-over contest with India the dilly-dally culprits twice and Australia once. In India, the innings in one-day games are separated by lunch, with the side bowling first effectively settling the match's duration.

India have nominated the same 15 players summoned for the third one-day international at Hyderabad, which immediately followed the tied Test at Madras. Rain washed out that match halfway through.

India have spurned direct financial help from the government, though foreign exchange control limits have been waived for £1.8 million. Instead the organizers will receive set payments from the television associations staging the matches.

Anyone, though, who has seen Calcutta's dreadful problems, who must raise £1.5 million, will find some of these figures mind-boggling. No country is more financially straitened than India and Pakistan, who clearly see the tournament as a chance to show the world what they can do, although the organizers still have problems.

Botham is barred from television appearance

By Marcus Williams

The Test and County Cricket Board have barred Ian Botham from taking part in Thames Television's *Midweek Sport Special* next Wednesday. Botham was to have been interviewed live on the programme, which will be broadcast the night before England depart for their winter tour of Australia, but the players' contracts forbid them to write or broadcast about the tour.

Trevor East, executive producer of the programme, booked Botham through the player's agent several weeks ago. But, last week, Botham signed his tour contract which meant that the TCCB's permission had to be secured for him to appear on the programme. This was refused.

Botham himself flew to Kuwait yesterday morning to play for a World XI against a Pakistan XI in two one-day, benefit matches for the Pakistani leg spinner, Abdul Qadir.

Mr East said: "I went through all the right channels and it was done in good faith. Ian Botham is the most interesting person in English cricket and people would like to see and hear him just before the team leaves for Australia." He stressed that Botham

RUGBY UNION

Cornwall will lack their captain

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Chris Alcock, the Royal Navy full back and captain of Cornwall, will miss his county's game against the Japanese at Redruth on Saturday. Alcock has broken a bone in his wrist, though he should be fit to play in the Thorn EMI county championship.

His place in the team goes to Buzzza, the Redruth and Loughborough University stand-off half, and Cornwall will be led by Howarth, the Plymouth Albion flank forward. Howarth has not been available in Cornwall's three warm-up games thus far because of naval duties.

The county also extend a warm welcome back to Corin, who appeared 66 times for Cornwall before emigrating to South Africa three years ago. He played many times at lock but now appears at No 8 representing 31 lives, whom he now captains and coaches.

Unfortunately, preparations have not gone as hoped; Cornwall have lost all three

games so far, against Edinburgh, an invitation XV raised by David East and, last Monday, a strong Crawshaw's Welsh team. After they have played Japan there is one further game, against the Royal Navy on October 28, before Cornwall begin their county programme against Berkshire on November 8.

Warwickshire, the county champions, play their annual friendly with Glamorgan at Maesteg on Monday evening.

Robbins, capped by England at No. 8 last season, remains Warwickshire's captain but he will be without the two Thomases on Monday. Paul, the flank, forward, is recovering from an operation and Sieve, the scrum half, has not recovered from a domestic accident.

CORNWALL (v Japanese, Redruth): A Buzzza (Redruth); J Bousden (Camborne); P Santos (Turon); G Champion (Truro); D Weeks (Camborne); D Bloom (Truro); D Hale (Camborne); J May (Redruth); M Westwood (Haywards); R Keast (Redruth); S Lightowler (Palmouth); P Elliott (Redruth); A Cook (Hayles); B Howarth (Plymouth Albion, capt); R Corin (St Ives).

LEINSTER (v Jersey, Dublin): J Murphy (Greystones); J Sexton (Dublin University); B Clench (Dartory University); S Munch (Lansdowne); H Gallagher (Greystones); A Ward (Greystones); A Doyle (Greystones); M Jones (Lansdowne); P Kenny (Wanderers); D Spring (Lansdowne); R Kearney (Wanderers).

CANADIANS: M Wyatt; P Palmer; M Clark; S McTavish; J Leckey; P McLean; J Stuart; E Evans; K Swoboda; W Houston; H de Goede (captain); R van den Brink; R Rams; G Evans; R Rigby; Referee: R Megson (Scotland).

Collins to quit

Peter Collins, aged 32, Belle Vue's former world speedway champion, is to retire at the end of the season. He said: "I'm not enjoying the sport and feel it is the right time to quit. I am not interested in dropping down into the National League."

Davis struggling to find his form, led 2-1 before his opponent reeled off three successive frames to take a 4-2 lead. But, with typical determination, Davis took the seventh frame with a break of 74, then won the last of the afternoon's session to level the match

Change balls
The Oval, home of Surrey County Cricket Club, is about to become the venue for an entirely different ball game. On October 12, Australian Rules football will be staged at the ground when two top clubs from the Victoria Football League — Carlton and North Melbourne — will compete in a match to be screened live to Australia. The game will last three hours and starts at 1.30pm.

Winning run

Bulgaria qualified for the final round of four at the men's world volleyball championship in Toulouse yesterday, with a 3-0 victory over China. They join the United States and the Soviet Union, with France and Brazil competing for the final place.

Back on road

Ari Vatanen, of Finland, the former world rally champion who was badly injured in a crash in Argentina in July of last year, is contemplating a comeback.

Fund raisers

Yorkshire County Cricket Club are hoping to raise £500,000 in the next year to finance the development and running of an indoor cricket school near their Headingley headquarters.

Huish named

David Huish has been named as captain of the Professional Golfers' Association for 1988. Huish, Great Britain and Ireland's most capped player at the PGA Cup level, will succeed Peter Alliss

Luck of the Irish runs out as East Germans march on

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

It was the usual tale for the Irish in Europe yesterday. They gained honour in defeat. Both Gletoran, in the Cup-Winners' Cup, and Coleraine, in the UEFA Cup, resisted stubbornly in East Germany and their dismissal from the first round of the competitions was not confirmed until the handshakes had been exchanged.

Gletoran, who had drawn against Lokomotiv Leipzig two weeks ago, fell behind after 36 minutes but remained in contention until Richter added a second in the final minute. Although Cleary, who was responsible for Gletoran's goal in the first leg, shook the bar, Lokomotiv were so dominant that they were awarded 15 corners to the Irishmen's none.

Coleraine subsided shortly before the interval in Brandenburg, Jeske nodding

Stahl into an overall lead. East German superiority was evident but the Irish refused to yield. Heart of Midlothian, representing Scotland in the UEFA Cup, went out by an even narrower margin in Hungary. Dukla Prague, for whom Griga scored 10 minutes after the interval, went through on the away goals rule.

Universitatea Craiova's visit to Istanbul opened with the quickest strike of the day and closed on a note of disgrace. Bicu extended their aggregate lead within a minute and even though Cucuy equalised for Galatasaray on the hour, their path to the second round of the UEFA Cup seemed serene enough.

But Lung, the captain and goalkeeper of the Romanian side, remained anything but calm. With five minutes left, he became so incensed after conceding a disputed second

goal that his extravagant display of dissent persuaded Lo Bello, a controversial referee from Italy, to send him off.

Universitatea held on without their leader but their fellow countrymen, Dynamo Bucharest, were surprisingly knocked out of the Cup-Winners' Cup. Camatara, an international centre forward built along the lines of a spider, gained their lone consolation against Neortov of Hungary, who started with a goal from Mings and finished with another from Ios.

Porta, the Portuguese champions who had overpowered their Maltese opponents in the European Cup a fortnight ago, merely stretched their muscles in the afternoon sunshine in Valetta. To the nine goals they had already scored at home against Rabat Ajax, they added only one more, from Sousa 10 minutes from time.

CYCLING

Challenge for local favourite

From John Wilcockson Galway

Eric Vanderaerden, of Belgium, and his Panasonic team threw down a strong challenge to the home favourite, Sean Kelly, in the Nissan International Classic yesterday. All five of the Panasonic riders engineered a sprint victory for the Belgian at the end of the 127-mile first stage.

His Australian team colleague, Phil Anderson, set the final ball rolling when he attacked entering damp, dark Galway with two laps of a 2.5-mile circuit in the town centre remaining.

"Phil's attack was good for me," Vanderaerden said. Vanderaerden won the points championship in the Tour de France in Kelly's absence this year. "Kelly had to chase and I was ready to make the sprint."

The pursuit of Anderson by Kelly and his Swiss team colleague, Stephan Joho, combined with six sharp corners, caused the 90-strong field to split. There was at least one crash and 21 riders joined the Australian as the bell sounded for the final lap.

With half a mile remaining there was an attack by another Panasonic man, Teun Van Vliet, the Dutchman who won in Galway with a similar move in last year's race. Realizing he was not going to win, Van Vliet stayed at the front, leading Vanderaerden. The small time bonuses awarded for the leaders allowed Vanderaerden to take the overall lead by one second from Kelly.

RESULTS: Stage one (Dublin to Galway, 127 miles): 1. E Vanderaerden (Bel), 31.0; 2. S Kelly (Ire), 31.5; 3. J Joho (Swit), 31.6; 4. M Elmer (Ger), 31.6; 5. G Borzone (Bel), 31.6; 6. A Van der Poel (Neth), 31.6; 7. C Kelly (Ire), 31.6; 8. P Kelly (Ire), 31.6; 9. J Leckey (Ire), 31.6; 10. C McCann (Ire), 31.6 same time.

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